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ASSASSINATION OF MR. LEE HYSAN.

MURDER SENSATION IN WELLINGTON ST.

SHOT ON CLUB STAIRWAY POINT BLANK.

ASSAILANT ESCAPES.

One of the most sensational crimes in the history of the Colony occurred shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, when Mr. Lee Hysan, the well-known Chinese magistrate and wealthy proprietor of Lee Gardens, was shot dead by an unknown assassin in Wellington Street near the old Fire Station.

But scanty details of the murder are at present available, but it is known that Mr. Lee Hysan had just begun to mount the staircase leading to the Yu Kee Club on the third floor of No. 196, Wellington Street, when a man darted into the shelter of the passage, fired three shots at his victim, and fled, discarding the revolver as he ran.

Instant Death.

All three bullets found their mark, one of them striking Mr. Lee Hysan in the back, while two others penetrated the abdomen. Death must have been practically instantaneous as he was already dead when found lying at the bottom of the stairway, where he had fallen, by a meter-reader, who was working in an adjoining house.

The assassin got clear away, although an alarm was immediately set up by the owner of a shoe-store in the basement of the premises.

A Trap.

It is quite evident that the murderer was well acquainted with the accustomed habits of his victim, as it was the invariable practice for Mr. Lee to go to this particular club for till.

The police were quickly on the scene, and very shortly after Mrs. Lee Hysan, who had been immediately informed, also arrived, later leaving in a grief-stricken condition.

Man of Wealth.

The late Mr. Lee Hysan, who was an extremely wealthy man, was the owner of the Lee Gardens and Theatre, and Lee Tung Street, in Wanchai, was named after him.

He was the President of the South China Athletic Association, to which he gave a large sum of money last year. He was educated at Queen's College and was President of the Old Boys Association.

Opium Monopolies.

On leaving school, the late Mr. Lee Hysan joined, as a clerk, the Comptroller Department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, shortly afterwards becoming associated with Mr. Ma Chee-lung in the Yue Hing opium firm, which was formerly connected with the Hongkong opium firm and latterly with the Macao Opium Monopoly.

It will be remembered that in the compulsory winding-up proceedings of the above firm, one of the most protracted law cases in the history of the Colony, the late Mr. Lee Hysan and Mr. Ma Chee-lung figured prominently.

Recent Libel Case.

It will be recalled that the late Mr. Lee Hysan was the defendant in a recent libel action brought by Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, a Macao Government official, in which it was contended that a petition sent by Mr. Lee to the Governor of Macao in regard to the Opium Monopoly suggested gross misconduct on the part of Mr. Lobo as a Government official. The late Mr. Lee won that action.

During the hearing of the case it was stated that the late Mr. Lee Hysan had subscribed very large sums of money to Macao charities and that he was extremely well known to Government officials and residents generally.

He leaves a widow and several children, most of whom have been educated in Europe. One of his sons was recently married at St. John's Cathedral to a daughter of Mr. J. M. Wong. Much sympathy will be felt for the deceased's relatives in their bereavement.

DYEING INDUSTRY DISPUTE.

UNIONS SEEK COMPULSORY PIECE-WORK.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

London, Apr. 29.

What is believed to be a serious situation has developed in the cotton industry, affecting about 80,000 workers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Scotland.

The dispute arises out of the proposals by the operatives for compulsory and collective piece-work to be established throughout the industry.

The employers' organisation, the Allied Association of Bleachers, Dyers, Finishers and Printers intimated that they could not compel the various sections, or individual members who did not wish to do so, to establish collective piece-work.

The Trade Unions then approached employers in each of the sectional reference boards, who were not prepared to negotiate without discussing juvenile wages and the system of paying adolescents. They are not prepared to enforce piece-work rates where firms are unwilling to make the change.

Decisive action is expected on Thursday.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH GENERAL ELECTION.

IMPRISONED DEPUTIES SECURE SEATS.

Paris, Apr. 29.

As the result of the final ballot of the French General Election, M. Painleve has been returned.

As anticipated from their strong position at the end of last week, a number of Communist have also secured seats, including M. Cachin and M. Doriot, both of whom are in prison.

One of the Communists defeated the Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum.—*Reuter.*

Two surprise election results come from Alsace-Lorraine, where Dr. Ricklin (Autonomist) who is at present in prison, and M. Broly (Autonomist) have been returned.—*Reuter.*

"HISTORIC MACAO."

AUTHOR SENTENCED BY COURT.

A Macao report says that judgment was given in the case, hearing of which took place on Friday, 27th instant, in which Mr. C. A. Montalto de Jesus, the well known writer, author of "Historic Macao" was charged with making certain statements considered to be an abuse of the "Press Law."

Defendant was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, with the option of a fine, and costs.

It is understood that there will be an appeal against the decision to the Supreme Court of Goa.

FRENCH MINISTER ILL.

GOOD WISHES FROM HIS MAJESTY.

London, Apr. 29.

The King has sent to Lord Crewe, the British Ambassador in Paris, the following telegram:—"Will you please convey to M. Briand my sincere sympathy and my best wishes for his speedy recovery."—*British Wireless.*

FRENCH DEBT TO BRITAIN.

PAYMENT OF £8,000,000 THIS YEAR.

London, Apr. 29.

France has arranged to pay Great Britain a sum of £8,000,000 in respect of the War Debt during 1928. The payment will be made in two instalments.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH WARSHIPS FOR EGYPT.

ELECTRIC SITUATION EXISTS.

BRITAIN PRESENTS STRONG NOTE TO GOVERNMENT.

STATUS CHALLENGED.

London, Apr. 29.

Momentous developments are possible in Egypt, where the situation is electrical, serious trouble being threatened by British objection to a Bill which the Wafdists are endeavouring to push through the Senate.

Strong Note.

Following the reports from Malta that British warships are being despatched, still unconfirmed at the moment, come messages from Cairo stating that Britain has presented a strong Note to the Egyptian Government.

Its contents have not been revealed, but it is felt certain that it relates to the Public Assemblies Bill which has already passed the Chamber, and will be submitted to the Senate by the Egyptian Government to-morrow.

Challenge to Britain.

Britain considers that the Bill challenges the British Declaration of 1922 and menaces foreigners, but Naha Pasha denies this. Information was sought at the British Foreign Office to-night, but officials there declined to make any statement on the Egyptian situation.

A message from Cairo states that the Cabinet met and discussed Britain's attitude, after which Naha Pasha had an audience with King Fuad.

One of the Wafdist newspapers now hints that the Public Assemblies Bill will be postponed.—*Reuter.*

Status Quo Ante.

Replying to an Egyptian Note, on April 14th, Sir Austen Chamberlain declined to accept the Note as a correct exposition of relations between Great Britain and Egypt, or of their respective obligations.

Sir Austen declared that as the Egyptian Government refused a Treaty which aimed at securing the settlement of the four points reserved under the declaration of 1922, the status quo ante continues.

The reserved points, he stated, remain reserved to the absolute discretion of the British Government—the Egyptian Government exercising its independent authority subject to satisfying His Majesty's Government on these matters.

The points reserved under the 1922 Declaration were the questions of security of communications in Egypt, defence, protection of foreign interests, and protection of minorities and the Sudan.

On Friday last in the House of Lords, Lord Salisbury reiterated Britain's decision to insist on the status quo ante.

WOUNDED THIEF.

REMAIND IN LARCENY CASE.

Mention was made at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning of the shooting incident at No. 561, Nathan Road, on Friday, when a thief, after effecting an entrance to the yard at the rear of the premises, was in the act of escaping with several blankets and was fired at and wounded by a detective.

A charge of larceny was preferred against the man and this morning, Inspector Fallon asked for a week's formal remand, remarking that the defendant was still confined in hospital receiving treatment to the wound in his leg.

The case was accordingly adjourned until next Monday.

CUBA'S DAVIES CUP DEFEAT.

Havana, Apr. 29.

Japan eliminated Cuba from the Davis Cup Competition in the international match played here.—*Reuter.*

DARING SHANGHAI POLICE RAID.

ARMED DESPERADOES TAKEN UNAWARES.

LIKE KNIGHTS OF OLD.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Apr. 30.

Wearing bullet-proof vests and carrying shields, a party of Municipal Police officers carried out a daring raid in the Chinese city to-day and rescued a Chinese youth who had been kidnapped and was being held on a \$1,000,000 ransom.

The raid was carried out in conjunction with the Chapel authorities, and the dangerous gang was taken completely by surprise.

Two armed guards were arrested by the raiding police. They were carrying fully-loaded revolvers and a number of spare magazines, but the Police took them unawares and overpowered them before a shot could be fired.

The captive was saved in the nick of time, because he might have been killed by his kidnappers at any moment owing to his father's inability to raise the colossal sum demanded for his release.

The neatness and despatch with which the raid was carried out reflects extreme credit on the officers concerned. The armed guards were disarmed before they had the slightest chance of using their weapons.

RECENT MALAYAN LEGISLATION.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE BILLS PROTECTING GIRLS.

London, Apr. 29.

The Colonial Secretary has appointed a committee to examine and report upon two measures for the protection of women and girls, known as the Straits Settlements Ordinance (No. 15 of 1927) and the Federated Malay States Enactment (No. 18 of 1927).

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, will be the Chairman of the committee, and other members will be the Honourable Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton, Sir Oscar Warburton, who has been a prominent member of the London County Council for many years, Miss Barrie Lambert, a well known physician and formerly the Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Mrs. Neville Wolfe, and the Reverend William Roberts.

They will be assisted by departmental representatives of the Colonial Office, the Admiralty, the War Office, the Home Office and the Ministry of Health. The first meeting of the committee will be held at the Colonial Office to-morrow.—*British Wireless.*

NAVAL RUMOURS AT MALTA.

BATTLESHIPS ORDERED TO EGYPT?

Malta, Apr. 29.

It is persistently rumoured here that H.M.S. Warspite, H.M.S. Valiant and a number of cruisers have been ordered to Egypt and are leaving to-morrow.

The authorities neither confirm nor deny the reports.—*Reuter.*

YANGTZE PILOTS ON STRIKE.

HANKOW ASSOCIATION DEMANDS MORE PAY.

Hankow, Apr. 29.

The Hankow Pilot Association is demanding increased pay for its members, with the result that all the middle river pilots are now on strike.—*Naval Wireless.*

LOOK OUT FOR SQUALLS.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—"The anticyclone is now central near the bonins. Depressions are shown to the north of Hokkaido, to the west of Shanghai, and over Tangsing. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—South winds, moderate, squally; generally overcast, some rain."

TAXATION RELIEF PROPOSALS.

CHURCHILL EXPLAINS THE SCHEME.

AGRICULTURE AND RAILWAYS TO BE WHOLLY FREED.

75 PER CENT. FOR REST.

London, Apr. 29.

Enlightenment regarding the manner in which the Government proposes to put into execution its new scheme for lightening the burden of local taxation on producing industries, was outlined to a meeting at Newcastle yesterday by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Although the Budget has been hailed as progressive, there has in addition been much criticism of the petrol tax, which is declared to be too adventurous.

"Hindenburg Line."

Replying to the criticisms of the proposals contained in his Budget Speech, particularly those relating to the relief of taxation in the case of depressed basic industries, Mr. Churchill declared:—"We have launched our advance against what I call the new Hindenburg Line, a three-fold line having the triple entrenchments of unemployment, trade depression and the local taxation middle."

Agriculture, coal, cotton, iron and steel engineering, and shipbuilding were the vital means by which the wages of the vast majority of wage earners and breadwinners were provided. Those industries were in difficulties at the present time.

Not a Favour.

He did not propose to give favour to any particular industry, but if any industry showed that its natural activities were being curtailed, the removal of its burden of taxation was not a favour but a long-delayed and necessary act of justice.

Local taxation of the depressed manufacturing industries which he had mentioned, would be reduced in October 1929 on an average by 75 per cent. and that of agricultural producers, would be abolished entirely.

Railways Relieved.

Products of heavy industries could only be carried by the railways and the railways would be relieved from local taxation so that they could help the heavy industries by lower charges.

Mr. Churchill said he recognised the sacrifice which the owners of motor vehicles would be called upon to make, in paying the tax on imported petrol, which would contribute to local taxation relief.

Oil From Coal.

He mentioned that the tax on petrol has also another object. This was to encourage scientific attention to the abstraction of oil from coal in Britain.

If that were done, he said, it would renew the vast economic advantages which England had derived in the nineteenth century from the position of its marvellous coalfields.—*British Wireless.*

RUMOURS OFFICIALLY DENIED.

MR. JAMES McNEILL ILL IN LONDON.

London, Apr. 29.

Mr. James McNeill, the Governor-General of the Irish Free State, is at present in Westminster Hospital, London.

At the beginning of March he underwent a slight operation in a nursing home in London, after which he returned to his duties in Ireland.

It is explained in an official statement that Mr. McNeill is undergoing a course of after-treatment in connexion with his recent operation. He is not dangerously ill, as has been stated, and hopes to be back in Ireland in a few weeks. His medical advisers are satisfied he is making good progress.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN DOCTOR MURDERED.

SHOT ON FALL OF TSINING TO KUOMINCHUN.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE?

Peking, Apr. 27.

The murder by a Nationalist soldier of Dr. Walter F. Seymour, the head of the Presbyterian Mission Hospital at Tsinning, is confirmed, but details are still lacking. There is nothing to indicate the truth of the ugly rumours stating that he was executed for succouring Northern wounded, but it is significant that the Kuominchun forces entered the city on the morning of the tragedy.

A foreigner who left Tsinning the day previously, states that Dr. Seymour was on good terms with the Northern troops.

A message to Mrs. Charles Eames, whose husband is at Tsinning, states that a Chinese soldier shot Dr. Seymour through the head. All others, including Mr. Baltzer are safe, but are leaving. Dr. Seymour has been with the Mission for 30 years and was 67 years of age.

An American Arrested.

It is reported that Mr. L. G. Osborn, an American belonging to the Nazarene Mission, has been arrested at Chaocheng, in South Shantung, by the Kuominchun and taken to Kaichow, in South Chihli. Confirmation of this report is lacking.

UNJUST ATTACKS ON BRITAIN.

EIGHT HOURS' CONVENTION DISCUSSION DELAYED.

London, Apr. 29.

In the course of yesterday's meeting of the governing body of the International Labour Bureau at Geneva, Mr. H. Wolfe, British Government delegate, declared, the British Government maintained its point of view that the revision of the Washington eight-hours' convention was necessary in order to facilitate ratification.

He asked, however, that the discussion of the British proposal should be adjourned until the May session, adding that the British Government had been the object of numerous unjust attacks, because they certainly have no intention of lessening the prerogatives of the working classes.

The Committee accordingly adjourned the discussion until the May session.—*British Wireless.*

FILIPINO LABOURERS QUARREL.

THREATENED BATTLE IN CALIFORNIA.

Stockton (Cal.), Apr. 21.

A threatened knife and gun battle between two gangs of Filipino labourers at camp No. 5 of the California Delta Farms Company near here, was prevented to-day by the arrival of an armed posse of deputy sheriffs.

The group of the Filipinos, 25 in number, quit their jobs yesterday, and then threatened violence when the superintendent brought in replacements. A Portuguese employee at the camp telephoned for assistance.

CORINTH EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

KING'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY WITH SUFFERERS.

London, Apr. 29.

King George has telegraphed to the President of the Greek Republic, expressing deep sympathy with the families of the victims of the earthquakes at Corinth, and those rendered homeless.

President Goundouriotis, in reply, expressed the gratitude of the citizens of Corinth, and the Greek nation for the sympathy of His Majesty, and for the assistance given by vessels of the British fleet.—*British Wireless.*

HEAVY FIGHTING IN NORTH.

SHANTUNG SUFFERS A BIG REVERSE.

JAPANESE TROOPS LEAVE FOR TSINAN.

CITY NOT YET TAKEN.

Shanghai, Apr. 30.

According to Japanese reports, a large force of Nationalist irregulars clashed with about 4,000 Shantung troops, in the vicinity of Mentshui, and inflicted a severe defeat, driving the Shantung troops back to Chowtsun.

The Nationalist success enabled them to interrupt the rail and telegraphic communications.

Fighting is still going on in the vicinity of Lungshan to the west of Mentshui, while another body of Nationalists from Laiwu is rapidly advancing on Poshan, the coal-mine centre.—*Reuter.*

Tsingtao, Apr. 30.

General Fukuda and about 2,000 Japanese troops, of all arms, left for Tsinanfu yesterday morning for the purpose of protecting Japanese residents and to take any action necessary.—*Reuter.*

"The Civilian Corps."

A Taining telegram states that according to reports from the Northern front, a considerable number of civilian corps men who sympathise with the Kuominchun Army launched a sudden attack on Tchow and subsequently occupied the railway station there. It is believed that these forces are under General Li Men-chung who went to Tchow secretly some time last month by order of the Shansi Government to mobilise a Civilian Corps at the rear of Shantung forces.

It is further reported that General Yen Shi-an wired to the head of this Corps instructing him to organise his forces, totalling about 30,000 men, into the 3rd Army of the Shansi forces.

Latest Reports.

The 4th Nationalist Army Corps is reported to have secured complete control of Feicheng, west of Tainan, on Saturday. Inside the city are some of the defeated Shantung soldiers hiding but it is expected that they will be soon be rounded up.

A later message says it is reported from Heuchow that the 70th Division of the 2nd Nationalist Army Corps captured over a thousand rifles from the defeated Shantung forces in Tainan city. In addition to this big seizure, one armoured car left by the Shantung forces is also said to have been captured.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Changed Plans.

Shanghai, Apr. 29.

The Nationalists appear to have changed their original plan of concentrating the whole of their forces to assault Tsinanfu by distributing troops to make attacks on districts along the Tsinanfu-Tsingtao railway line, with the intention to cut the communication lines of the Northerners.

Latest cables point to the certainty that Tsinanfu is still in the hands of the Northerners and that the two Nationalist generals, Feng Cheng-wu and Sun Llang-ching, are leading their troops from the left flank to attack the Northerners in Tsinanfu.

Operations began on Friday morning, and it is definitely known that large reinforcements for the Nationalists have arrived in the vicinity of Tsinanfu from Laiwu, and that skirmishes with the Northerners have taken place in the Tashan Hill districts.

Another Chinese report says that the Nationalists fighting their way up to Tsinanfu are making their presence felt near Tainan, whilst the Shantung troops are erecting defences in the mountainous districts at Kishahow.

Martial Law has been declared in Tsingtao, following the news reaching the city that large detachments of Nationalist troops are launching attacks on some of the districts along the Tsinanfu-Tsingtao line.

Overtures to Hankow.

The two Nationalist leaders, General Cheng Chien and Pai Chung-hsi, will, it is reliably reported, arrive in Hankow some time to-morrow.

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THE LAND CASE ENDS.

JURY FINDS FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

The land ownership dispute case was concluded on Saturday afternoon before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan and a special jury, when judgment was entered for the plaintiff with costs. This case has occupied the court for four days, being commenced Wednesday morning last, and in order to finish it his Lordship, at the request of the jury, sat all day on Saturday.

The jury thanked his Lordship for acceding to their wishes in this respect.

The case was one in which Fok Kam-chuen, alias Fok Kam-tsun, alias Fok Kam-chun, 4 Hillier Street, sought a declaration that he was absolutely entitled to three pieces of land. The defendants were Messrs. Thos. W. Simmons and Co., Ltd., in liquidation, and the Bank of Canton, 6 Queen's Road Central. The plaintiff alleged that his favourite son had fraudulently assigned land to Messrs. Simmons and through them mortgaged it to the Bank of Canton without his (plaintiff's) knowledge.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K. C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Rowley were for the plaintiff, and the defendants were represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The following special jury was empanelled to hear the case: Messrs. P. Tester, (foreman), Wong Kam-fuk, Wong Kwong-tin, J. H. Taggart, R. Rodger, P. W. Parker and J. Oram Sheppard.

Mr. Potter's Submissions.

Mr. Potter submitted that there was literally no evidence to support the defence that could go to the jury. He said he was leaving out the question of the power of attorney as regards the signatures, as it had been brought in at the last moment, but added that he would argue the point later, if required. There was, he said, no negligence in law of the title deeds, and there was no evidence at all to show that the plaintiff was a partner of Fook Lee and Company, and that as such he authorised his signatures.

His Lordship held against Mr. Potter on the latter point as to there being no evidence, and counsel replied he would not press the point at the moment. With regard to the adoption of the documents, he pointed out that that could only be done by another deed.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Jenkin remarked on the fact that the plaintiff had been presented to them as an astute business man and the cross-examination had showed that he had arranged the details of other mortgages himself. He was, therefore, fully alive to every movement in the present case and was able to anticipate, in order to protect himself, the trend of cross-examination.

It was curious, continued counsel, that the plaintiff should apparently have been in such a state of coma during the years when it was possible for his property to be moved about and dealt with without his knowing anything about it.

Affront to Jury.

The plaintiff's explanation was that he was in Canton but counsel submitted that in view of plaintiff dealing with Simmons and Co., he must have had knowledge of what was taking place. The jury, he went on to say, must reject the evidence with regard to the plaintiff's ignorance of the amalgamation of the companies. Counsel stated that the plaintiff's evidence on that point was false and he must have had some idea that there was going to be a passing of property to the new company. For his own case the plaintiff had had to declare his entire ignorance of anything that

JAPANESE EMPEROR.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED IN HONGKONG.

The Japanese community yesterday celebrated the birthday of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan.

All Japanese business premises and shops were closed during the day and everywhere the national flag was in evidence. Japanese ships in harbour were dressed and large numbers of children were seen in the streets bound for the various entertainments arranged for them by the Japanese community.

The Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Y. Murakami, held a reception in the morning at the Hongkong Hotel, where he received the congratulations of Government officials, members of the Consular Body and other prominent residents in the Colony.

Amongst those present were His Excellency Major General Sir C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, who represented His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Lt. Colonel T. A. Robertson, and many heads of local Japanese firms as well as representatives of the Consular bodies.

The toast of H.M., the Emperor of Japan was proposed by His Excellency Major General Sir C. C. Luard.

took place with regard to the amalgamation. To put the plaintiff forward as an astute business man, continued Mr. Jenkin, and then ask them to believe his ignorance, was an affront to the intelligence of the jury who had been empanelled.

The plaintiff had asked them to believe that he was ignorant of certain things, but that would be impossible unless he was deprived entirely of his cloak of innocence or placed in the category of a person who had temporarily lost his senses. It was inconceivable under the circumstances that the events should have happened unknown to the plaintiff. Was it not taxing them too much to ask them to believe, as the plaintiff had done, that he, although a business man, was ignorant of the transactions concerning his property?

Counsel remarked on the fact that neither of the plaintiff's sons, Fok Tai-fui and Hon Fui had been called, especially to give evidence with regard to the power of attorney, and no one had been called to speak with regard to the sale of the Fook Lee business. Those persons were understood to be in the Colony, but they had not been called, although their evidence might have shed much light on the matter.

Counsel suggested that the real reason why the plaintiff did not see the documents for three and a half years after he came to know of the matter was because he was conversant with the facts, but he took his present stand when he saw the bank was going to exercise their rights on his property.

Tricked by Son.

Mr. Potter, in addressing the jury, described the speech for the defence as "very able and very ingenious," but commented that Mr. Jenkin had misled the jury. The question for the jury to decide was whether or not the plaintiff signed the first assignment to Messrs. Simmons and Co., or whether he authorised his signature to be attached to it. Mr. Potter contended that the evidence showed that the plaintiff had been let down by a favourite son and, remarking on defendant counsel's remarks with regard to their not calling certain people as witnesses, said they could give no valuable evidence on the issues. If the books of the Fook Lee firm were available it was up to the defence to get them.

His Lordship summed up at length, after which he directed the attention of the jury to certain points which were drawn up by

HEROIN AND MORPHIA.

CHINESE MANDARIN FINED FOR POSSESSION.

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed by Major C. Willson on Saturday on a Chinese, who pleaded guilty, through his solicitor, Mr. L. D. Turner, when charged with the possession and importation of fifteen grains of heroin and fifty grains of morphia.

Addressing his Worship, Mr. Turner said that at the last hearing of the case he pleaded "not guilty" on behalf of his client because he had not then had an opportunity of seeing him. Mr. Turner said he was instructed to plead guilty to one charge, either possession or importation, as the two were obviously alternatives.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, prosecuting, agreed that the two charges were in fact, alternative charges.

Mr. Turner, continuing, said that he did not mind on which charge his Worship proceeded. He pointed out that the quantity was very small. Speaking of the defendant, Mr. Turner said that his client had been a mandarin.

The defendant stated that when he left Canton, certain friends asked him to take two little bottles of what he was told was medicine to Soochow. Defendant explained that he came to Hongkong in order to catch a steamer for North China. He asked his Worship to overlook the offence and added that he had never done this sort of thing before.

In answer to Mr. Turner, defendant said that he lived as a gentleman of independent means at Soochow.

Mr. Turner, at this point, stated again that his client had been a mandarin under the Manchus.

When the defendant came he carried the parcel quite openly in his hand. The two bottles containing a few grains each of morphia and heroin were wrapped up in a handkerchief.

Major Willson asked whether he was right in saying that although the quantity was small the drug was very powerful.

Mr. Taylor replied that that was so. He added that he thought that what the defendant was carrying was obviously samples, as he had in his possession what appeared to be a price list and a scale of commission. He also mentioned that the defendant, on being accosted, objected to the packet being searched.

Mr. Turner pointed to the open manner in which the defendant carried the parcel, to which the Worship replied that the very simplicity of that act made it very efficacious.

On being told by the prosecution that the defendant had no previous record, Major Willson imposed the fine as stated above.

Mr. Jenkin and approved by Mr. Potter after a minor alteration.

Jury's Findings.

The jury retired and, on returning, half an hour later gave answers to the points they were requested to consider. The following are the questions and the jury's replies:

- (1) Is the signature of the plaintiff to the assignment a forgery?—Yes.
- (2) If the signature to the assignment was placed on the deed by some person other than the plaintiff, did the plaintiff have knowledge of that fact, (a) at the time of its being placed thereon, (b) at some subsequent time, and if so, when, (a) No, (b) until the disclosure of the document was made.
- (3) Was the plaintiff a partner in Fook Lee & Co.?—No.
- (4) Did the plaintiff authorise one or other of his two sons, Fok Chung-yuen and Fok Tai-fui, to use the deed in connection with the taking over of the said Fook Lee & Co., from the first defendants, if yes, what was the authority, and was (a) the assignment, and (b) the mortgage made in pursuance of such authority?—No. (See above).
- (5) Did plaintiff have knowledge of the making of the deed

MOSQUITO PLAGUE.

DR. KOCH SEEKS INFORMATION ON ORIGIN.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch has given notice to ask the following questions at the Sanitary Board meeting to be held to-morrow:

"I. Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether any steps have been taken to discover the origin of the recent plague of mosquitoes that has been prevalent on the island, and whether any efforts have been made to deal with this.

II. Can the Head of the Sanitary Department issue orders to enforce the covering over of all pail closets, middens, manure heaps, garden refuse, etc., with an impermeable layer of earth, to be constantly renewed as required in order to prevent the danger and nuisance of fly breeding during the hot weather."

Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to notice, will move:—"That this Board respectfully suggests to the Authorities the propriety of setting in action investigations into the possibility of devising means for the prevention of the prevalent infectious diseases, such as Typhoid, Malaria, Tuberculosis, etc. It further suggests that such investigations might be undertaken by local medical men under the direction of the Government, and that their reports be published for the guidance of the community."

ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

SATURDAY'S ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

Another of the series of monthly concerts given at St. Patrick's Catholic Club was held on Saturday night and drew a large and appreciative audience. The programme was excellently arranged and was augmented by several well-known local entertainers, who were warmly received.

The troupe, which is composed of Mrs. G. Gilmour, and Messrs. A. Sculthorpe, A. Turner, F. Woodward, H. Hicks, R. Eccles, and T. S. Brooks, opened the programme with "Come to the Show," after a pleasing overture by Rev. Father A. Riganti and Professor E. Gaudin. The programme included songs, vocal duets, piano duets, concerted items, and sketches, all of which were charmingly rendered and loudly applauded. Mrs. Gilmour and Mr. W. R. Wilkinson scored one of the big successes of the evening with the duet "Moonlight and Roses."

Mr. J. Braga rendered some excellent violin solos, while Messrs. E. and G. d'Aquino, father and son, were responsible for some effective vocal duets. Cello solos were contributed by Mr. N. U. Botelho.

Mr. A. W. J. Gilmour, the stage manager, was responsible for delightful scenic and lighting effects.

In his name, (a) at or about the moment of execution, or, (b) subsequent thereto, but before August 1923, and if so, when?—(a) No, (b) No.

(6) If plaintiff did know, did he take any, and if so what steps prior to August 1923 to acquaint the Bank of Canton of the wrongful use of the said deed?—No. (See No. 5).

(7) If he took no such steps, did not his failure to do so result in prejudice to the Bank of Canton?—No.

Judgment For Plaintiff.

When the jury's findings were disclosed, Mr. Potter applied for judgment for the plaintiff and asked for the release of money which was in the hands of the Official Receiver.

Mr. Alabaster intimated that he did not wish to make an application, with the result that his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs in the terms of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3, of the statement of claim. The matter of the money held by the Official Receiver was taken to Chambers.



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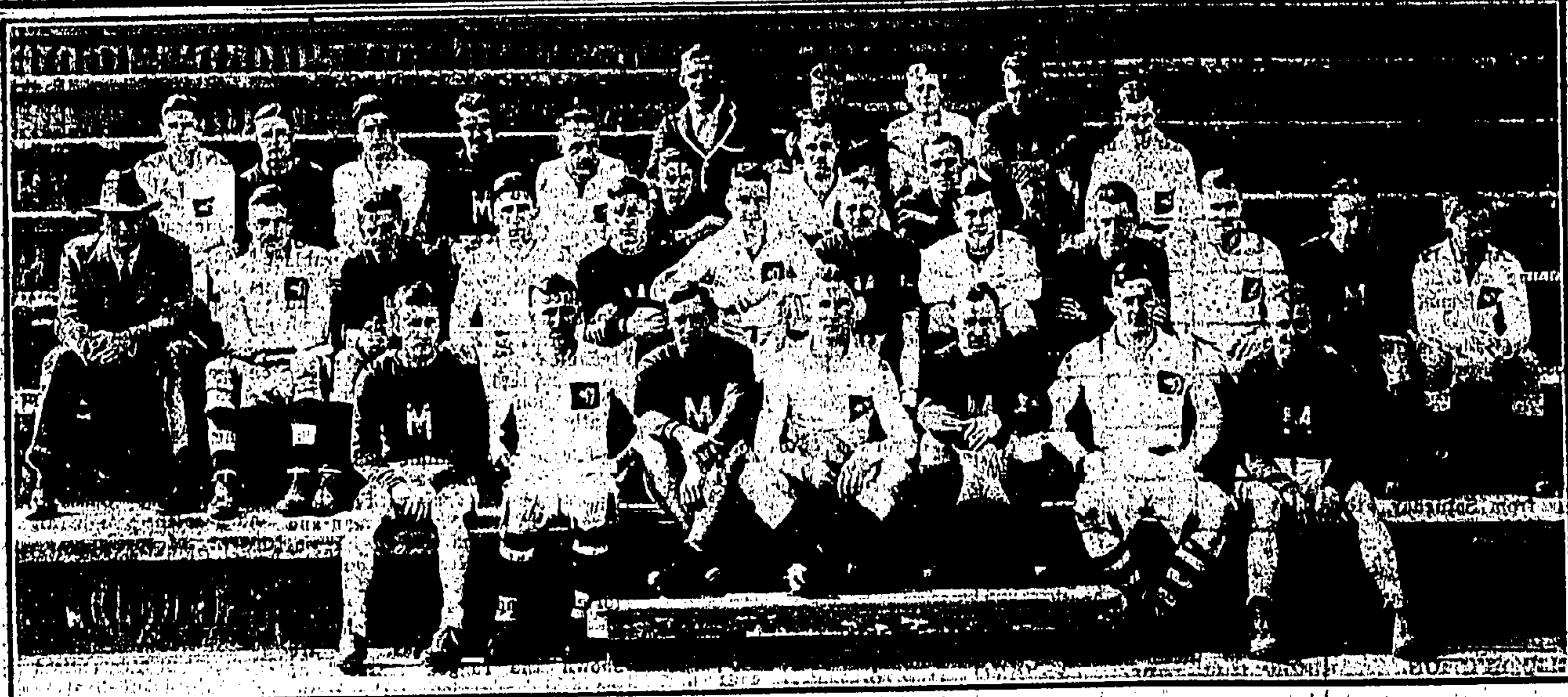
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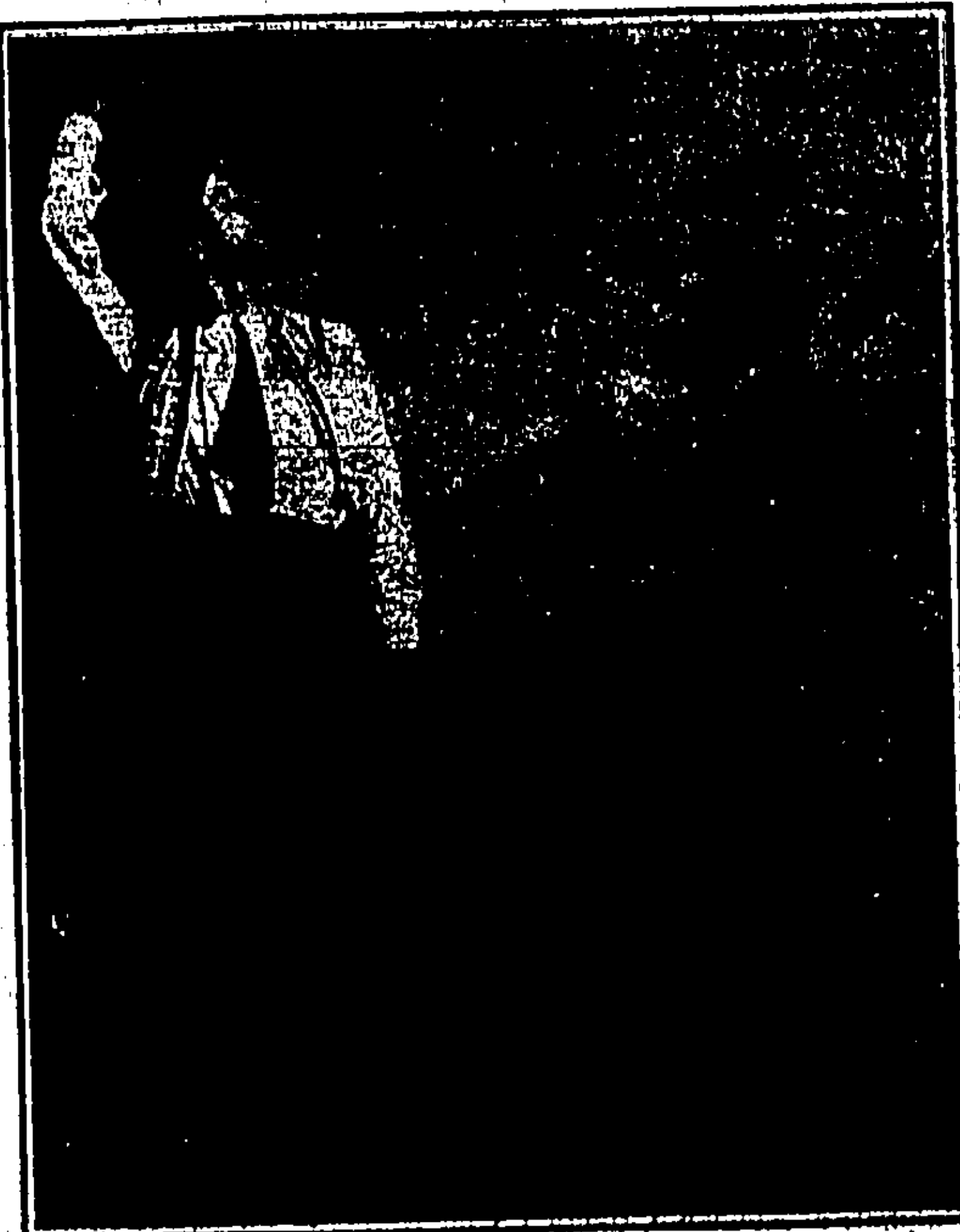




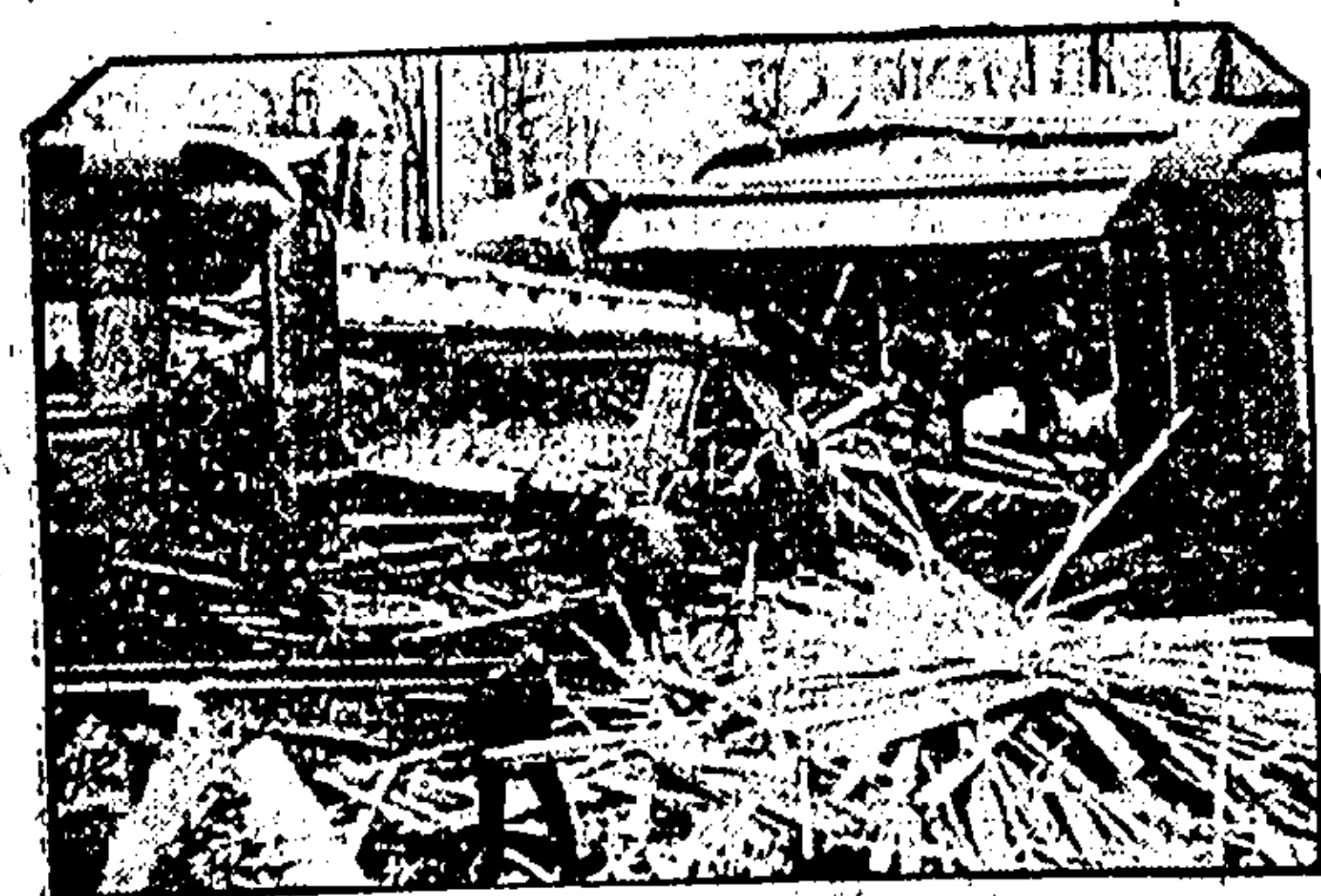
The teams which represented Shanghai and the Rugby players from the United States Marine Corps. In the last match between the teams the Marines reversed the previous verdict triumphing over Shanghai by six points to four.



Mr. Serraut and Mrs. Lindsay, husband and wife in the dance comedy "España" which was the chief feature of a fine programme by pupils of Hons Wiener at the Capitol Theatre, Shanghai.



Mr. Hans Wiener and Miss Lola Coughnir as two servants in the dance comedy "España," which was included in the programme given at the Capitol Theatre Shanghai.



Part of what was left of a passenger train and three freights after an extraordinary wreck on a curve of the Pennsylvania Railroad near Harrisburg, Pa. One north-bound freight ran into the rear of another whose toppling cars derailed a passing southbound freight. Then the passenger train came along and crashed into the derailed box cars. Twenty persons were hurt, none of them severely.

Not a name changed when three Powles sisters married three Powles brothers at Schoenectady, N. Y. They came from families in no way related.



Nicholas Quomawahu, Hopi Indian who won the New York-Long Beach marathon.



How fatherly! The men are student physician internes at the General hospital, Cincinnati, and are required to feed the babies as part of their education. On the left is Mr. F. F. Boys; right, Mr. H. C. Kondall.



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5th May, 1928 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 2 p.m.
The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.
Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 4th May, 1928. The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.
Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

G. R. NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.
It is notified for general information that as from 30th April, 1928, and until the structural alterations to the present offices are completed the Colonial Secretariat will occupy the 3rd floor of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, French Building, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 27th April, 1928.
E. R. HALLIFAX,
Colonial Secretary.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
The Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 17th May, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.
The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1928, both days inclusive.
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Hongkong, 26th April, 1928.

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned, have resigned from the China Cotton Silk Works, Limited on the 19th April, 1928, and joined the Foot Ease Hosiery Mill as their representative, on the 21st April, 1928.
JULIUS MARCUS.
Hongkong, April 28th, 1928.

MACAO RACES.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 13th May, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained from the I.R.C. Macao, Causeway Bay Stables and Rorax Advertising Co., Exchange Building.
Entries close at Macao, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 3rd May.

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At their Sales Room, Duddell Street,
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Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Saturday, the 28th April, 1928.
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on **TUESDAY,**
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on **WEDNESDAY,**
the 2nd May, 1928, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at Godown No. 13, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon
A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods. Comprising:—
Sulphur, Gum Arabic, Tea, Anchor, Flour, Angle Iron, Empty Glass Bottles, Flat and Square and Round Iron, Flat Steel Bars, Old Chain, Sulphate of Ammonia, Hemp, Plate Cuttings, Sardines, Canvas, Cement, Old Gunny Bags, Sodium Sulphide, Galvanised Sheets, Dissolved Cocoanuts, Hoop Iron, Rivets, Tin Plates, Paper, Boiler Soda, Wine, Beer, etc., etc.
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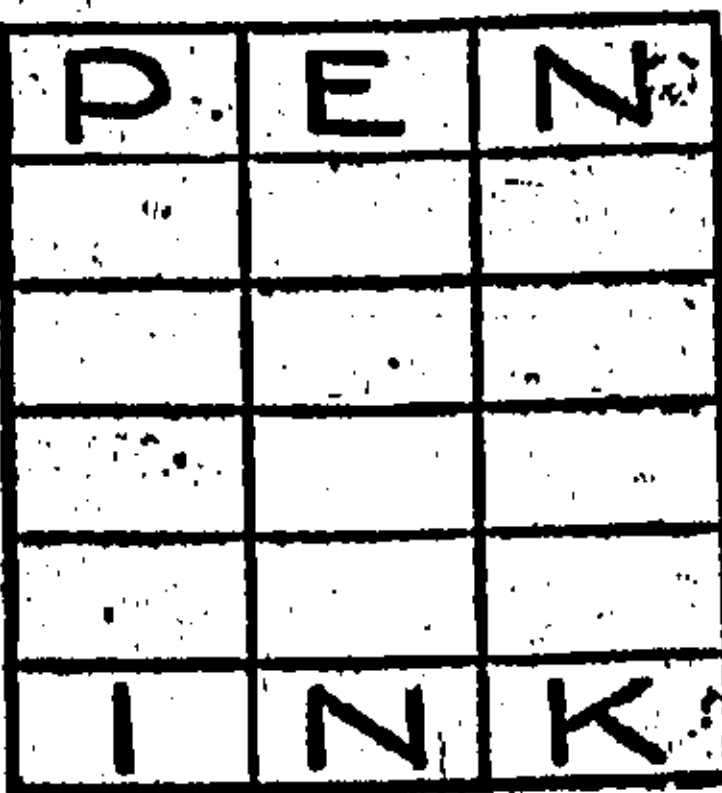
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3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

VIENNA ARRESTS.

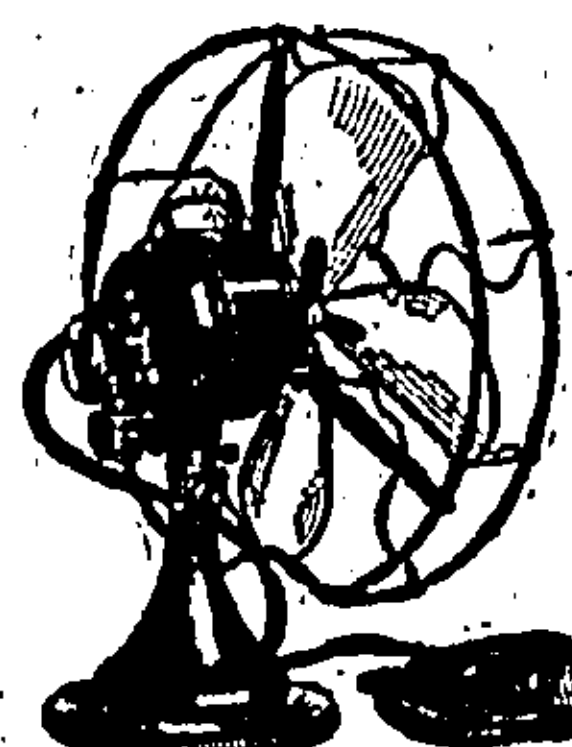
A SOVIET REPUBLIC.

Vienna, Apr. 28.
It is alleged that among the papers seized in the rooms of Bela Kun, was the plan for the establishment of a Soviet Republic in Hungary and the distribution of Bolshevik propaganda in the Balkans. It is stated that the Chancellor has dissolved the Red organisation known as the "Fighters in the Van."—*Reuter.*

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$130 3/4 n.
Chartered Bank, \$31 1/2 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$53 1/2 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia, \$75 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$680 b.
Union Ins., \$34 1/2 s.
North China Ins., \$16.140 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$47 b.
China Underwriters, \$21 b.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$40 1/2 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$23 1/2 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$78 b.
Shell Trans., \$0/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 1/2 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.
Kallans, \$8/- b.
Langkats, \$13 1/2 n.
Shai Exploration, \$12.85 n.
Raubs, \$4 n.
Tronchs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$43 1/2 b.
China Provident, \$6 s.
Hongkows, \$166 b.
New Engineering, \$14.480 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$108 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, \$12.85 b.
Orientals, \$12 b.
Shai Cottons, \$15 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$82 s.
H. K. Lands, \$66 1/2 s.
Shai Lands, \$140 b.
Humphreys, \$142 n.
Realities, \$3.25 b.
Territorials, \$1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25.20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 1/2 b.
Star Ferries, \$64 s.
China Lights, (old) \$13.25 s.
H'kong Electric, \$70 1/2 s.
Macao Electric, \$26 1/2 b.
Telephones, \$4.70 b.
China Buses, \$17 1/2 n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$5.35 n.
Malabons, \$24 1/2 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$10.40 s.
Ropes (Old) \$72 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.75 n.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Der A. Wing, 50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sincors, \$11 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 s.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 10 1/2 Prorr.

The patients were all asleep on the floor beneath and were in no immediate danger. One old woman of 95 was carried down to the ground floor. All she said was "Keep calm; God is good." The fire brigade quickly put out the flames.

"ANNIE LAURIE."

STRIKING SCOTTISH FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

"They've made a fine job of the picture" was a remark overheard at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and it summed up the favourable impression which "Annie Laurie" produces. A dip into history and doubtless much laborious research into other fields, so that as few technical flaws as possible might be committed, have resulted in the production of a picture which is really worth while seeing.

The story of "Annie Laurie" as presented by song and tradition is well-known. It deals with the love of a Scots lassie for her man and with a combination of circumstances which lifted this above the strife of warring clans. The historic massacre of Glencoe is the culminating point to which this great adventure leads. We are shown the rugged features of mountain and glen in the Highlands, and the no less hardy traits of the people of period. The last "fade-out" is typically Scottish, in its presentation of the happy, and at last long, united pair ferrying over the loch.

Lillian Gish has the part of "Annie Laurie" and succeeds remarkably well considering that she is of the petite type of womanhood. Norman Kerry as the young Ian MacDonald is ideally cast in the picture; and he and Lillian Gish are responsible for most of the romantic spell there is in it.

The success of yesterday's screenings was greatly aided by fine orchestration of the musicians, with the well-known song "Annie Laurie" as the motif. There was also present a Scottish piper whose playing at suitable episodes in the story was very much appreciated by the audience. He will be playing at all performances to-day and to-morrow; and at the 9.20 performances on these two days, popular selections will also be given by the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, playing by the kind permission of Lt. Col. L. J. Cwyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers.

The K.O.S.B. band programme, selected and arranged by Mr. W. H. Fitz Earle, A.R.C.M., is as follows:

The Garb of Auld Gaul, Annie Laurie, The Campbells are Coming, Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon, We're A'Noddin', Within a Mile O' Edinburgh Toun, Brose and Butter, Blue Bells of Scotland, The White Cockade, Scots Wha Hae, There's Nae Luck About the House, Duncan Gray, Mony Muck, Blue Bonnets O'er the Border, and Auld Lang Syne.

FRAUDING WING ON COMPANY.

PRISON FOR USING FALSE NOTES.

A Chinese was charged, on remand, before Major C. Willson this morning, with the possession of two forged Central Bank notes of a nominal value of \$100 each, with altering a third note of the same denomination, and with obtaining, by means of these, a gold watch, valued at \$10, and \$45 in change from the Wing On Company.

The facts of the case are that accused on Friday morning presented one of the forged notes to the Wing On Company in payment for a gold watch, valued at \$10, and received \$45 as balance on the greatly depreciated value of these Chinese notes.

He returned the following day with the idea of purchasing some singlets, and, incidentally, to pass another of the false notes. But prior to this, the fraud was discovered by the management, who detained the man when he called again, until the arrival of a constable.

Sentences aggregating six months' hard labour were inflicted to-day.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 29.
Paris 124.05
Brussels 34.88
Amsterdam 12.10 1/2
Berlin 18.19 1/2
Vienna 34.69
Helsingfors 193.95
Lisbon 256.64
Bucharest 750
Buenos Aires 47.13 1/2
Shanghai 4.115 1/2
Yokohama 4.58 1/2
New York 25.32 1/2
Geneva 12.57 1/2
Hankow 18.19 3/16
Stockholm 18.24
Oslo 16.44
Prague 37.84
Madrid 29.30
Athens 3.59 3/4
Rio 1.53 1/2
Bombay 1.53 1/2
Hongkong 2.11 1/2
Silver (spot) 2.11 1/2
Silver (forward) 2.11 1/2
—*British Wireless.*

THEFT OF MOTOR SPARE PARTS.

LENIENCY SHOWN TO AN APPRENTICE.

A successful plea for leniency in the case of a young apprentice of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., was made by a representative of the Company before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the youth was charged with larceny of accessories from his employers' workshop.

The defendant appeared, together with a fitter, on a charge of larceny, while a man employed to supply the buses with water and gasoline, was arraigned on a charge of receiving stolen property.

The latter denied the charge, and on the police offering no evidence against him, he was acquitted. The apprentice stated that he had been enticed to steal by the third defendant, from whom, he said, he had already received \$5. The third defendant admitted the charge of receiving.

It was stated that during the past six months the company had lost large quantities of spare parts, ranging in value from \$200 to \$300 each month. During April, about \$150 worth was stolen and of this about \$65 worth of parts were recovered from the third defendant's house.

Before his Worship passed sentence, the manager of the Company asked for the discharge of the apprentice as it was stated that he was a hard worker and had been led astray by the third defendant, under whose influence he had committed the thefts.

His Worship gave the apprentice the option of a fine of \$50 and further ordered him to sign a bond for his future behaviour.

After pointing out to the third defendant the seriousness of his action in teaching the youth to steal, his Worship sentenced this man to four months' hard labour.

A further appeal was made to his Worship on behalf of the apprentice by another representative of the Bus Company, who pointed out to the Bench that he had always been a good worker and an honest employee.

His Worship then reduced the defendant's fine to \$30.

WOMAN BANISHED.

FIRST ONE TO APPEAR AT KOWLOON.

For the first time since the opening of the Kowloon Magistracy, a female banished appeared before Mr. W. Schofield on a charge of ignoring a deportation order and returning to the Colony after having been banished on the grounds of being an undesirable.

The defendant was banished four years ago after committing a breach of the local Ordinances in respect of the keeping of illegal houses and was ordered to remain away from the Colony for ten years.

His Worship passed sentence of eight months' hard labour.

WHIST DRIVE AT THE K.B.G.C.

RECORD GATHERING ON SATURDAY.

There was a record attendance at Saturday night's whist-drive at the pavilion of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. The prizes were presented, on the conclusion of play, to the following by Miss Farrell:

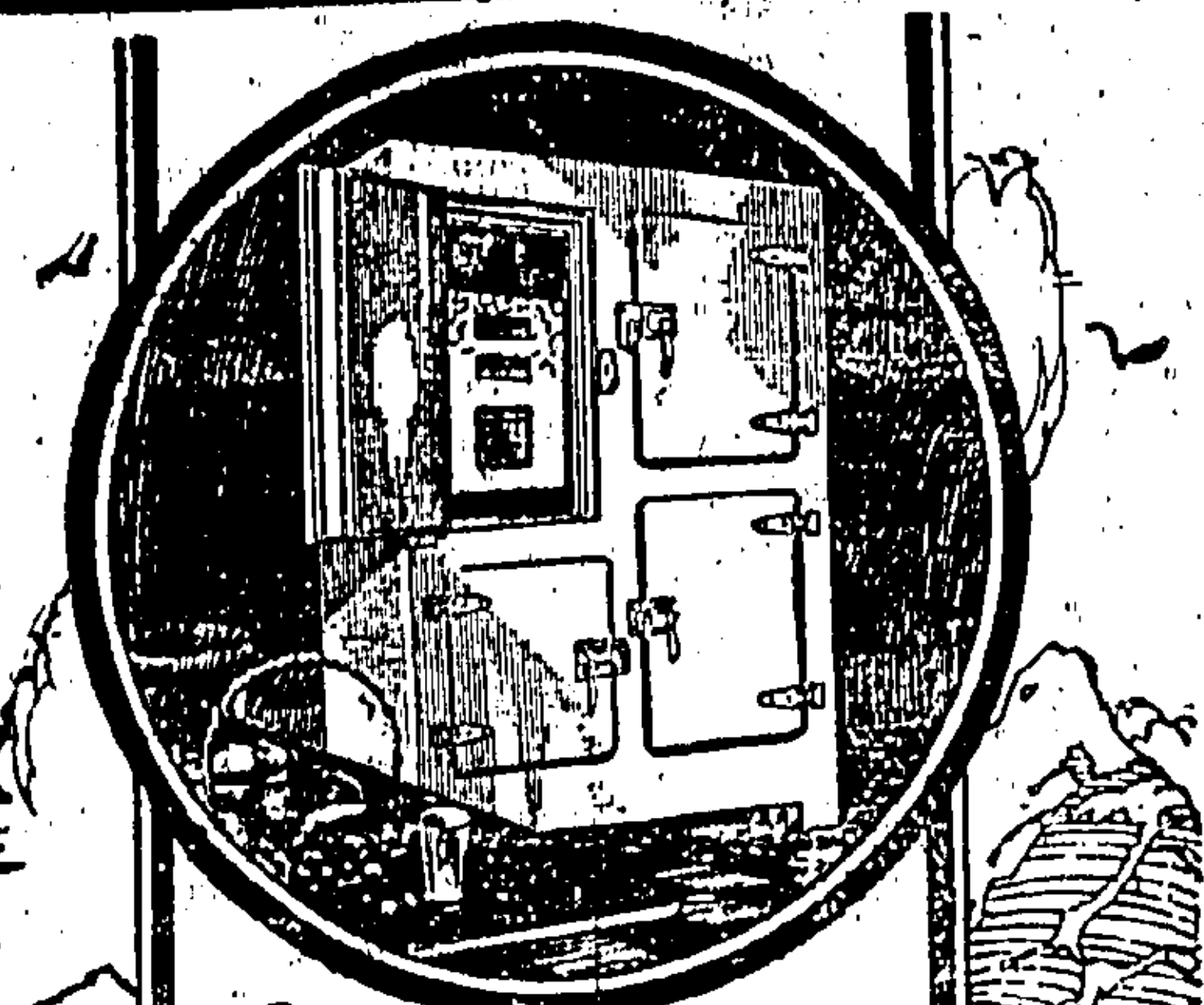
Ladies.—1st, Mrs. Nish (128); 2nd, Mrs. Bell (118); 3rd, Mrs. McKelvie (84).
Gentlemen.—1st, Mr. Jack (123); 2nd, Mr. McKelvie (115); 3rd, Mr. J. C. Brown (88).
The next drive is to take place on May 12th.

A third attempt made off Portland recently by a firm company to blow up the schooner Amy for the purpose of the "Q" mystery ship, failed like its predecessors. When the Amy, filled with explosives, reached the scene of her intended grave, the electric leads from the tug snapped twice. Her decks and sails were then soaked in paraffin and set alight, but the flames died down. The demolition party refused to re-board the Amy, which was taken back to Portland. Old seafaring men declare that the vessel is haunted, and others say that her figurehead will have to be replaced before she will sink. This, it is stated, will be done.

A fracas between two nightsoil coolies early this morning was described by Inspector Fallon, at the Kowloon Magistracy, as a fair fight between men of equal strength, who had quarrelled over a bamboo pole. One of the men, who appeared as complainant, was slightly hurt on the head where he had been struck with the pole. Both men were bound over in sums of \$50 each.

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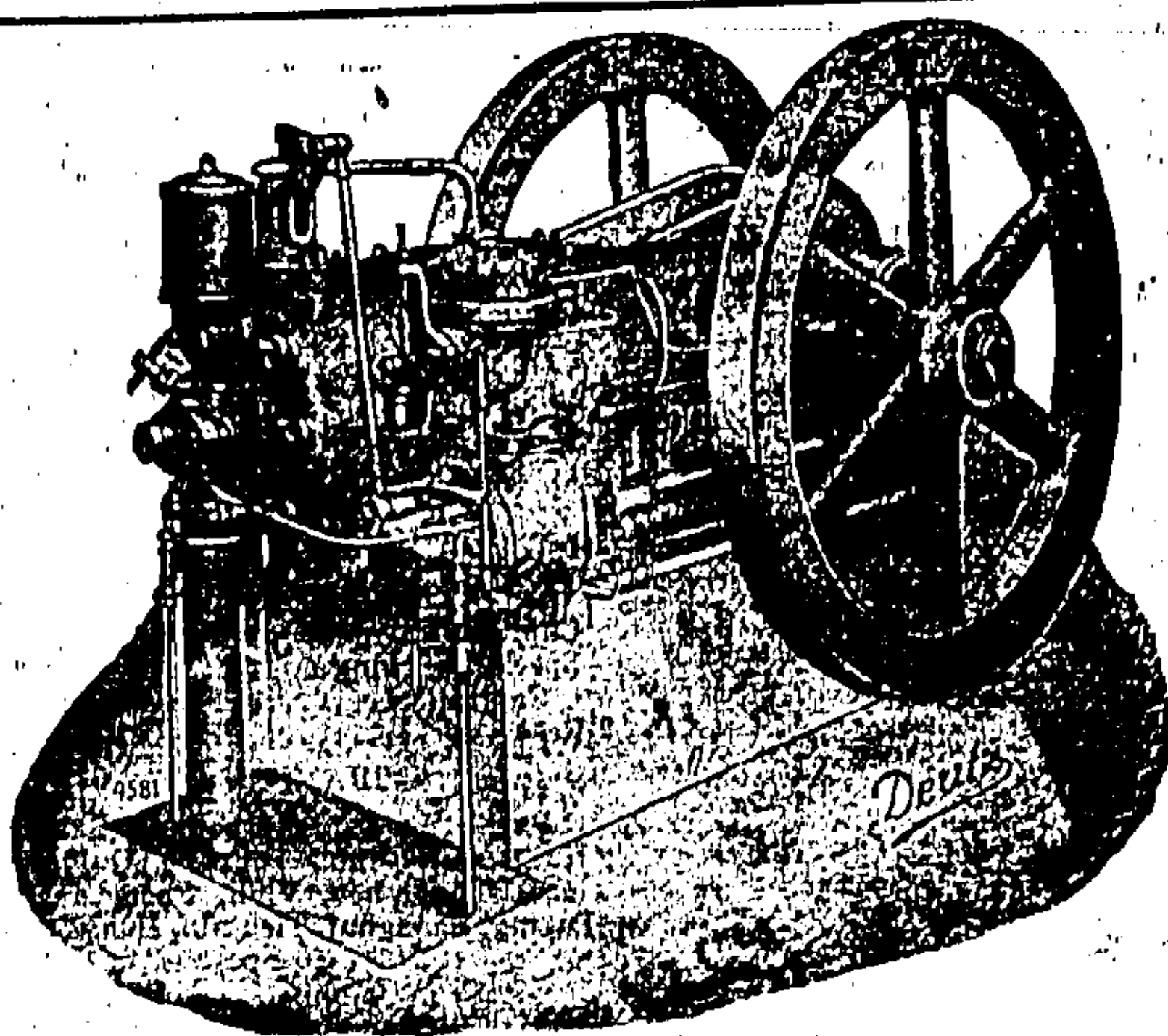
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SCOTS GUARDS ROWING SUCCESSES.

The closing cruise of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club took place on Saturday afternoon. There was a large gathering of the members and supporters both at the Club and also in launches.

The main event of the afternoon was the race for the Stock Exchange Cup, which was carried off by the Army, who won comfortably from the R.H.K.Y.C. by two lengths. The team representing the Army was the same as that which rowed for the Scots Guards in the "4th Submarine Flotilla" Cup. Later in the afternoon, two members of the Scots' Guards rowed in the pairs and won.

For the first time since the war, a German pair competed and won. The Very Rev. Dean Swann also took part in the sport.

Amongst those present were H. E. Shields, the General Officer Commanding the General C. G. Luard, C.B. (Major General) together with Mrs. and Miss C.M.G. together with Mrs. and Miss C.M.G. and Mrs. Pearson, Hon. C.M.G. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunbar.

Commodore's Speech.

At the conclusion of the racing, Mr. Shields addressed the gathering. There was a good turn-out, Mr. Shields said, with good water for rowing, excellent racing and fast times by the yachts.

"Before the presentation of the prizes, I wish to refer briefly to the Club's activities during the season. The usual series of Championship Races has been held and you will find in the results in the prize-list printed in the programme. Sailing conditions have been fairly good but the Cruiser Classes were unfortunate in having light weather on several occasions, necessitating re-sails.

"There have been practically no additions to the Club fleet during the year but we hope more prosperous conditions in the Colony will ensure more keels being laid. We have more arranged for building and supervised the construction of boats for the Royal Singapore Yacht Club, and the Port Dickson Yacht Club and others, showing that our local buildings turn out good work at competitive prices.

The Dean's Interest.

"The Rowing Section has been active during the winter and we regret the departure of our popular Rowing Captain, Mr. R. M. Jack, just before this Regatta, for which he has worked so hard. (Hear, hear).

"The Very Rev. Dean Swann has just joined the Club and rowed in the Pairs to-day at very short notice. He has had much experience and has a splendid record as an oarsman. His active interest in the Rowing Section will give members a fine opportunity to improve their knowledge of oarsmanship which I hope will be taken advantage of.

"The annual race for the Hornell Cup was rowed on January 19 and was won by the Hongkong Electric Co.'s crew, Butterfield and Swire were second."

Mr. Shields remarked that the rowing that day had been very interesting. He congratulated the Scots Guards on their excellent showing. (Applause and hear, hear).

Speaking of the victory of Messrs. Schmidt and Dheyle in the senior pairs, Mr. Shields said: "I would like to congratulate our German friends on their return to the Club. We have not had a German crew for many years. They have always been good sportsmen and put their hearts into everything they do. We are very glad to see them win today."

Turning to lawn bowls, Mr. Shields said that in the bowling match, the Peak Club, which had recently started, defeated the Club's bowling section by 39-31 (Applause). He congratulated the Peak bowlers and expressed the hope that they would have many more games with them in the future.

Mr. Shields then thanked the officials and sub-committees who have helped to make the meeting a success.

After the prizes had been distributed by Mrs. Shields, Commodore J. L. Pearson, on behalf of the Services, thanked the Club for their hospitality and spoke highly of the interest taken by the Club in the Services. He called upon all Service men to join him in giving three cheers to the Club.

Mr. H. S. Rouse called for three cheers for the visitors and their lady friends, and the gathering then dispersed.

The Results.

"4th Submarine Flotilla" Cup for Hong and Service unit fours, one mile: 1st: 2nd Batt. Scots Guards. (Bow, W. Wynne Finch; No. 2, A. D. Crabbe; No. 3, W. T. Lindsey; Stroke, J. W. Treadwell; Cox, E. T. C. Warner).

Race for Submarine "Berthon" boats manned by Naval ratings: 1st, L. 19, 2nd, L. 33; 3rd, L. 27.

"Stock Exchange" Cup for Club v. Service fours, distance one mile: 1st, The Army (represented by the 2nd Scots Guards crew).

Race for Naval whalers manned by Naval ratings, one mile: 1st, H.M.S. Titan; 2nd, H.M.S. Wild Swan; 3rd, H.M.S. Foxglove.

"Percy Smith" Challenge Cup for senior pairs, 1/4 miles: 1st, A. Schmidt, G. Dheyle, H. von Barry.

"Murdoch-Kennett" Cup for Club v. Services pairs, 1/4 mile: 1st, The Army, W. T. Lindsey, J. W. Treadwell, E. T. Warner.

The Hornell Cup for Hong fours had been won by the Hongkong Electric Co.'s team earlier in the season.

Yacht Races.

Combined English and Chinese rigged cruisers—2 miles, start at Murray Pier line, Cust Rock buoy, finish at the Club:

1st: Curlew, sailed by Major J. P. S. Greig and Captain E. H. Jacobs Larkcom.

2nd: U. and I. sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse.

3rd: Typhoon, sailed by Mr. F. G. Vaux.

The other competing yachts were Isis, Norseman and Coquette.

Ladies, in Handicap Class, 4 1/4 miles, start at Club, mark east of Kowloon Dock Point, Cust Rock buoy, markboat on Club-house line, twice round:

1st: Dorothea, sailed by Miss Bird.

2nd: Colleen, sailed by Miss Hazeland.

Diana was third. La Linda was second in the race but disqualified.

Ladies, in Handicap Class, 4 1/4 miles, same course as for Handicap Class:

1: Why Wonder?, sailed by Mrs. J. L. Adams.

2nd: Wings, sailed by Mrs. Greig.

Ladies, in Combined Class for Girls and One Designs, 4 1/4 miles, same course as for Heyward Hays Class and sailed at the same time:

1st: Halcyon, sailed by Mrs. Fleming.

2nd: Allis, sailed by Mrs. Illingworth.

Daphne was third.

Season's Prizes.

English rigged Cruisers: 1st Norseman, Messrs. Ryan, Edwards, Shannon and Eldridge; 2nd Curlew, Major Greig and Capt. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E.; 3rd U and I, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

Chinese rigged Cruisers: 1st Snipe, Mr. E. J. Easterbrook; 2nd Imogen, Mr. V. Goulborn.

Handicap Class: 1st Dorothea, Mr. C. E. L. Grist; 2nd Lola, M. F. D. Tracy; 3rd Colleen, Messrs. Jack and Stanton.

Heyward Hays Class: 1st Why Wonder?, Mr. H. S. Rouse; 2nd Lola, Capt. Payton-Reid; 3rd Boojum, Mr. G. L. Fox.

Gael and One Design Class: 1st Daphne, Capt. Le Gros, R.A.; 2nd Joan, Mr. R. O. Sutherland; 3rd Pierrette, Commander S. Herbert, R.N.

Other Prizes.

Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, (presented by Mr. A. L. Shields): H. and I. Class Allis, Lt.-Com. Littleton, R.N.; Y. and G. Class Thecla, Lt.-Com. Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mr. A. L. Shields): La Cigale, Mr. N. Croucher.

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts (presented by Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A.): La Linda, Mr. A. L. Shields; Why Wonder?, Mr. H. S. Rouse.

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, D.S.O., R.A.): Snipe, Mr. F. J. Easterbrook.

Rear-Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts.

(presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse): Colleen, Messrs. Jack and Stanton; Gael, Mr. J. E. M. Bland.

Rear Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse): Coquette, Messrs. Jensen and Lyster.

"Potts" Challenge Cup for race to Macao: 1st U. and I. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse; 2nd Snipe, Mr. F. J. Easterbrook; 3rd, Curlew, Major Greig and Capt. Jacobs Larkcom, R.E.

"Tai Yut" Cup, (presented for Championship winners): Dorothea, Mr. C. E. L. Grist.

"Norseman" Cup, (presented by Messrs. Ryan, Edwards, Shannon and Eldridge): U. and I, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

"Snipe" Cup, (presented by Mr. F. J. Easterbrook): Dorothea II, Messrs. Carter and Kay.

"Dorothea" Cup, (presented by Mr. C. E. L. Grist): Diana, Major Allen, R.N. and Capt. Armistage, R.A.

"Why Wonder?" Cup, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse): Adele, Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, R.A.

"Daphne" Cup, (presented by Capt. Le Gros): Pierrette, Com. E. J. Herbert, R.A.

"Ladies" Cup, (presented by Ladies' Championship competitors): Boojum, Mr. C. L. Fox.

Denison Challenge Cup (for Handicap Class), (presented by Mr. A. Denison): Dorothea, Mr. C. E. L. Grist.

Bellicios Challenge Trophy (for Y. Class): Boojum, Mr. F. G. Vaux.

Warren Memorial Trophy (for G. Class): Viking, Capt. D. Mayfield and Mr. M. E. J. Barne.

Consolation Cup, Cruisers, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse): Queen Bee, Capt. E. S. G. Howard, R.A.

Consolation Cup, I. Y. and G. Class, Racing Yachts, (presented by Mrs. H. S. Rouse): Halcyon, Messrs. Fleming and Russell.

Corinthian Cup, Handicap Class, (presented by Mr. N. Croucher): Rola, Mr. F. D. Tracy.

Corinthian Cup, I. and G. Class, (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse): Thecla, Lt.-Com. Leveson-Gower, R.N.

Corinthian Cup, Y. Class, (presented by Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N.): Adele, Lt.-Col. H. B. Gunn, R.A.

"Frobisher" Trophy (for annual competition between Royal Navy and Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, presented by the Captain, Officers and men of H.M.S. Frobisher): Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Ladies' Championship.

Handicap Class: 1st Colleen, Miss Hazeland; 2nd Diana, Mrs. Miles.

Combined Class: 1st Boojum, Miss F. N. Lewis; 2nd Thecla, Mrs. Claridge; 3rd Wings, Mrs. Greig; 4th Why Wonder?, Mrs. Adams.

Lawn Bowls.

A lawn bowls match for silver spoons was played between the Yacht

WORLD'S RECORD.

COMPSTON'S BIG VICTORY OVER HAGEN.

Archie Compston, the Britisher, beat the American, Walter Hagen in a 72-hole challenge match, virtually for the world's match play championship, by 18 up and 17 to play.

Compston's world's record victory in first class golf was achieved after months of arduous practice on Penn Common, Wolverhampton. He justified his nickname as "The Lion Tamer." His first round of 67 was a course record, while coming home on the second round he did 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 3, which gave him a round of 68 and a lead of fourteen holes.

To-day, he went round in 70, became 18 up at the thirteenth, after which halves deprived him of the distinction of winning by 19 up and 18 to play, but a half at the first hole of the final round decided the match. Both shook hands and finished the round as an exhibition.

Hagen was outplayed in all departments, most notably at putting. Several times he took three putts and was also frequently out-driven. Duncan expressed the opinion that he ought not to have played with only a day's practice.

Another Challenge.

Compston has issued a challenge to any golfer in the world for any stake.—Reuter.

The Amateur Championship.

Lytham, Apr. 28. In the English native amateur golf championship of 36 holes, J. Stout of Bridlington, beat the holder, T. Perkins, of Castle Bromwich, by 3 up and 2 to play.—Reuter.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

The night was eerie with voices from unseen bodies, or bodies half-revealed in the flare of gasolene torches, as the business of loading the carnival proceeded. Soft, rich voices from black men's throats blended with the velvet softness of the late-June night:

"Oh, if Ah had wings like an angel."

Over these prison walls Ah would fly!

Ah would fly to the arms of my poah dahlin'.

An' then Ah'd be willin' to die!"

A lonesome, heart-breaking plaint. Sally shivered. Except for David and Pop Bybee and Dan, the criser, she and David might have been behind prison bars tonight, learning the shame and misery that had created that song.

She was on her way to join David, and she found him, his shoulders looming im- mensely broad in the dark coat he had donned in her honour. Her hands were out to him before he had reached her, and when he took them both and laid them softly against his breast, so that her leaping blood caught the rhythm of his strongly beating heart, she could scarcely restrain herself from raising her small body on tiptoe and lifting her face for his kiss.

They were shy at first, as they drifted away from the show train across the vacant lot where the carnival and truth, freaks and tricks, colour and light and noise and music. They walked softly, slowly, Sally having the absurd feeling that if the grass stubble were tender, tiny flowers, her joy- light feet would not have crushed them. Her fingers were inter- twined with David's, and the elec- tric thrill of that contact seemed to be the motor force which prop- elled her body. Without a word as to direction, they drifted, com- pletely in accord, toward a clump of trees which would some day, when Stanton had become beauty- conscious, form the nucleus of a park.

Sally felt that she was in a spell woven of the beauty and breathless- ness of the night and of her inar- ticulate joy, as still without speak- ing, David took off his coat and spread it upon the ground that sloped gently from the sturdy trunk of an oak tree. As he was stooping to spread the coat her hand hovered over his head, ach- ing to touch the dear, waving crisp- ness of his hair, yet not daring— quite. But when he straightened more suddenly than she had ex- pected, his head fitted into the cup of her hovering hand before she could snatch it away.

He whirled upon her, sweeping her slight body to his breast with such fierceness and suddenness that her head awoke.

"Sally! Sally!" Just that hoarse cry, muted, exultant.

Her hands crept slowly up his breast, so loving every inch of the dear body whose warmth came through the cloth of his shirt that they abandoned it reluctantly. When her hands were on his shoulders, clinging there, she threw her head back upon the curve of his right arm, and smiled up into his face. Her lips parted slowly to let out a little gasping sigh of joy.

In the silvery sheen with which the moon joyously and approvingly bathed their eyes, wide, dark, luminous, clung for an aeon of time, reckoned in the history of love. Then David, knowing that his unasked question had been gloriously answered, bent his head until his lips touched hers.

He must have felt the slight stiff- ening of her body, the ardour in her small hands as they clung more fiercely to his shoulders. For he flung up his head; then turned it sharply away for a moment, as if ashamed for her to see the passion in his eyes. She took a drunken,

uncertain step away from him, and his arms fell limply from her body.

"What is it, David?" she asked in a small, quivering voice, scarce- ly more than a whisper.

"I shouldn't have done that!" David reproached himself with boyish bitterness.

"But David," Sally pleaded, in that small quaver, "don't you— don't you love me—at all? I thought—I—" Her hands flut- tered toward him, then dropped hopelessly as he still stood sharply turned away from her.

"Yes, I love you. That's the devil of it," David groaned from the shelter of his arm. "I love you so much I can't think of anything else, not even of our danger."

She crept closer to him, stroked timidly the clenched fist which hung at his side. "Then—why, David? I—I love you, too. You—must—have known. I love you with all my heart." She stooped swiftly and laid her lips against his knuckles, which shone white as marble in the moonlight.

"Don't!" he cried sharply. He lowered the arm that had sheltered his shamed, passionate eyes and looked at her humbly, his whole body drooping. "Don't you see, darling—no, I mustn't call you that!—don't you see, Sally, that your—er—er—only makes it worse? I wish I were the only one that has to suffer. But you're so young—oh, God!" he cried in sud- den anguish. "You're so pitifully young! Sixteen! I ought to be horsewhipped!"

She laughed shakily. "I'm get- ting older every day, David. Is it such a crime to be young? You're young, too, David—darling!" The word was dropped shyly, on a trem- ulous whisper.

"That's it!" David cried wildly, fiercely under his breath. "We're both young! I'm just half through college, and I haven't a cent to my name except what I earned those two weeks on Carson's farm. And I won't have any money except barely enough to live on—I work my way through college—until I've finished school. And then it will be a long, hard struggle to get a start, unless my grandfather dies by then and leaves me his farm. He's a miserly old man, darling. He thinks I'm a fool to study scientific farming, won't give me a cent. I haven't wanted it—till now."

"And now, David?" she prompted softly, her fingers closing care- ssingly about the clenched hand which she must not kiss.

"I want to marry you, of course!" David flung the confes- sion at her sternly. "I love you so much it's torture to think of your going on to New York with the carnival. Oh, it's all so hopeless! We're in such a nasty jam, Sally, darling!" He groaned, snatched up her hands, kissed them hun- grily, passionately, then dropped them as if the soft, sweet flesh stung his lips. "Don't let me kiss you, Sally! For God's sake! I can't stand it! And it's not fair to you to learn what love means, when—when we can't go through with it."

"But why can't we, David?" she persisted, her giving her amaz- ing boldness. "I'll never love any- one else. I'll wait for you, for years and years. Until I'm 18 and you're 23. You're almost 21, aren't you, David?"

"Yes, he acknowledged. "But I'm just a kid. Why, I'm a minor yet!" he reminded her with youth's bitter shame. "And so are you. We couldn't even get married leg- ally. An we're both—wanted— by the police. I can't even figure out how I'm going to get back into A. & M. and finish my course. I couldn't let you marry a man wanted for attempted murder, even if I could support you. Oh, I guess I could make a bare living for us, but I don't want that! Not for you! I want you to have every- thing lovely in the world. You've had so little, so little! I want you to have silk and velvet to make you forget blue-and-white-checked gingham. I want—" he was going

on passionately when Sally inter- rupted with her soft, delicious little laugh.

"I want David," she said simply. "All right!" he cried, flinging his arms wide in a gesture of ut- ter abandonment. "We'll run away tonight. We'll keep going until we get out of the state. We'll. Ho about our ages. We'll find some- one somewhere to marry us, and we'll—have each other if we have nothing else in the world, Sally!"

His exultant young voice and his arms demanded her, but she held back strangely, while her face went ghastly white and old in the moonlight.

"I forgot to tell you my news," she said dully, tonelessly, her hands flattened against her breast. "Mrs. Bybee found out something about—about my mother, about me."

Ecstasy was wiped from David's face, leaving it hurt and bewildered. "So you're going to find her? Go back to her? I—I suppose I'm glad."

"No," she shook her head drear- ily. "I can't marry you or—any- one, David. My mother was not Mrs. Nora Ford. I don't know who she was! I don't even know what my name really is—if I have a name! Whoever my mother was she was ashamed I'd been born, she said. Mrs. Ford to take me away when I was an infant, away from New York, so—so I wouldn't dis- grace her. I'm the ugly name Nita called me today. I'm—I'm—"

"You're my Sally," David said gently, his arms gathering her in, holding her comfortingly against his breast, in a passionless em- brace of utter tenderness. "Do you think I would let that make any difference at all? If anything could, it would make me love you more. But I love you now with every bit of me. And we'll be married, Sally. What do I care about being a scientific farmer? But there was a note that did not escape her love attuned ears.

"No, David," she whispered, her hands straying over his face as if memorizing every dear line of it. "We'll wait. I can wait. I've waited 12 years to find my mother, and I didn't give up hope until to- day. I would wait twice 12 years for you. I'll stick with the carnival if Pop Bybee will let me, and if the police don't find us. Then when you're through college—"

"But I'm damned if I can see how I'm to get back!" David burst out. "We are both trapped in this second-rate carnival—and a first-rate one would be bad enough!"

"We won't have to stay after we get to New York," Sally inter- rupted reasonably. "We can start life again. This trouble will blow over. You might even learn some other profession in the east—"

"I don't want to learn anything else, live anywhere else but in the middle west. It's my land: I love it. I want to serve it. But oh, Sally, let's not torture ourselves any more. I know I mustn't marry you now, under this cloud, but let's be happy for a few minutes before we go back to the show train. No, don't darling!" as she lifted her arms. "Just sit there on my coat and let me look at you. You're the most beautiful thing in the world. Lovely Sally!"

They sat side by side, hands not touching but hearts reaching to- ward each other, and the minutes slipped silently away as David drank in her moon-silvered young beauty, and she fed her love- hunger upon his Viking-like hand- someness and strength. They were silently agreeing to go when a sharp, metallic voice mater- ialized suddenly out of the hush of the darkness.

"No monkey-business now, Steve! I'm warning you! If you double- cross me I'll cut your heart out! Fifty-fifty and—"

The rest was lost as the couple passed on, walking swiftly, two shadows that seemed like one. The voice was Nita's.

(To Be Continued.)

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON CONSTABLE.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN BOUND WITH ROPES.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, five Chinese, one of them the master of a vegetable garden at Po Chung, and the others his foks, were charged with assaulting a Weihsaiwei constable, D.185. A sixth man was charged with the unlawful possession of a small pine tree.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the master of the vegetable garden, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the other defendants.

A remand was agreed upon by both sides, but Mr. Lo said that in order to help him and Mr. Russ, he would be glad to hear from the Sergeant in charge of the case, the details from which the charge arose.

Sergeant Hopkins, of the Aber- deen Police Station said that, on Saturday afternoon, D. 185, ac- companied by D. 136, went to Po Chung, which is opposite to Apil- chau on the Stanley side. The two constables landed at Po Chung and there saw the sixth defend- ant in possession of a pine tree sapling, complete with boughs. They arrested the man and as they were about to take him to the Police Station the other five defendants appeared on the scene and came to the sixth man's assis- tance. D. 136 managed to get away, but D. 185 was held by the men who tied him up with ropes and took him over to Aberdeen, where they were met by other police on landing.

The Magistrate asked why the defendants should do this; and the reply was that the defendants alleged that the constable had caused trouble at the vegetable garden and the defendants were taking him to the Police Station to lay the allegation before the officer in charge.

The case was adjourned until noon on Monday next, the first defendant being granted bail of \$100 and the other defendants \$50 each. The man in possession of the pine tree was allowed bail of \$25.

"A REGULAR CAT BURGLAR."

SENT TO GAOL FOR FIVE MONTHS.

Describing a Chinese, who was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morn- ing, with larceny of a gold wrist- watch, a blanket and two articles of clothing from the first floor of No. 31, Nanking Street, as "a regular cat burglar," Inspector Fal- lon informed his Worship that the defendant had only recently been discharged from prison on a simi- lar offence, having been sentenced to six weeks' hard labour in Octo- ber last.

In the present case, according to Inspector Fallon, the inmates of the first floor of No. 31, Nanking Street were aroused at about two o'clock yesterday morning by the noise of a man moving surrepti- tiously about in one of the bed- rooms. A female occupant of the room got up, only to see the man vanishing through the aperture at the top of the door.

The man had gained admittance into the house by scaling a wall at the rear and then climbing the water pipe. He escaped from the house by the same method.

One hour later, the man was seen by a constable in Mongkok and was questioned about the blan- ket which he was carrying, and, after being taken to the station, it was found that the blanket, together with a watch and clothes, which were also found on the de- fendant, had been stolen from No. 31, Nanking Road.

The defendant, who was pre- viously convicted for a similar offence in the same district, was sentenced to five months' hard la- bour.

GARAGE OWNER'S COMPLAINT.

EUROPEAN WHO LEFT HIS EMPLOY.

Mr. E. Mansion, proprietor of the South Asia Garage, of Yaumati, has made a report to the police to the effect that he employed a Eu- ropean named H. Cole, in his garage as a mechanic from April 3rd, but that on April 15th, Cole disappeared from the garage.

Mr. Mansion told the police that Cole took out a private car from the garage, No. 374, valued at \$700, for a trial spin and that at the time of his disappearance he also had in his possession a sum of \$30 entrusted to him by Mr. Man- sion with which to buy tyres.

The car, it is learned, was subse- quently found, having been bought by someone in Wanchai.

A further police report states that a European soldier, named H. Cole, was yesterday arrested for desertion and is being detained at the Shamshui camp.

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SEIZURE ON A SHIP.

Revolvers and Cartridges Behind Linen Locker.

At Thames Police Court William Hii, aged 53, described as a British subject, and chief steward of the Benelough, now in East India Dock, was remanded on a charge of illegally importing and conceal- ing 56 revolvers and 6,400 car- tridges.

William Blake, assistant pre- ventive officer, Customs and Excise, stated: I went aboard the Ben- elough for the purpose of search- ing the ship, and at the back of a large linen locker amidships near the cabins found between the steel walls of the vessel a lining of wooden boards, leaving a space of about six inches. On top of one of the shelves of the linen cup- board I found that one of the boards comprising the back had been cut across in such a manner that when the shelf was in a proper position, the cut was quite concealed. There were two shelves. I removed them both, and the linen and other gear, and the cut board, and at the back I found concealed a large quantity of automatic pistols. There were 28 packages with two revolvers in each, and 27 packages of ammuni- tion containing 200 rounds each.

Robert Steers, a Customs and Excise Officer, stated: I spoke to the steward, who speaks English, I showed him the packages and the sawn board, and I said to him, "What do you know about this?" He replied, "I no speak I no say." I asked him who was in charge of the keys of this locker, and he replied, "Me."

The Magistrate remanded Hii until next Thursday, bail being refused.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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THE PREMIER'S HERO.

"CHARLIE" FOUND IN A HOUSE-BOAT.

Fleetwood, Mar. 28. The Prime Minister's hero, "Charlie," has been found after a search lasting a week.

Innumerable supposed clues had failed to yield his identity, and all hope of finding him had been abandoned, when the merest chance discovered the man to whom Mr. Baldwin referred.

The man's experiences, however, do not correspond exactly with those of "Charlie."

The man found to-day at Fleet- wood is undoubtedly the gallant fellow Mr. Baldwin had in mind when he broadcast his speech.

Mr. Baldwin's "Charlie" is Mr. Charles Bird, who lives in a modest house-boat moored on the banks

of the River Wyre, close to Fleet- wood Dock. He lives there with his wife and four children be- cause he is unable to obtain a house in Fleetwood.

Mr. Bird, a fisherman, along with the crew of the Fleetwood fishing steamer Belmont, volun- teered at the outbreak of war. It was while with the Grimsby traw- ler Sandringham in the North Sea that the incident referred to by Mr. Baldwin occurred.

The Sandringham was suddenly faced by a German gunboat, and, though only armed with an 18- pounder gun, the crew resolved to make a fight for it. Hurried pre- parations were made to fire the gun at the German ship, "Charlie" was gunner-in-charge.

Direct Hit.

The German, however, got his shot in first, and made a direct hit. The gun platform of the Sandring- ham, on which "Charlie" stood,

was carried away, and several of the crew were killed. "Charlie" the skipper, and the mate were the only three out of the crew of 11 saved when the Sandringham sank.

Charlie, in a semi-conscious state was lifted from the wreckage of the gun and placed in the rescue boat. He was taken to Chatham Hospital, where he remained for nearly six months, with various injuries.

His experiences differ from those related by Mr. Baldwin in that he never went out with the Fleetwood lifeboat; in fact he was not at Fleetwood at the time that the life- boat went out.

M. Bird is much too modest to admit that he is the Premier's "Charlie." If the Admiralty re- cords are searched, and it is found that the Prime Minister really re- ferred to me, I shall admit it," he said to me to-day.



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SINGAPORE DOCK.

THE COLOSSAL TASK OF TOWING.

London, Apr. 28.
In six weeks the world's biggest floating dock will leave the Tyne on a four months voyage of 8,600 miles to Singapore. When this huge floating workshop, built in ten months at the Wallsend yard of Messrs. Swan Hunter and Wigham Richardson, reaches its destination, it will represent a magnificent achievement for the task of towing which will almost equal that of its construction.

For towing, the dock will be split into two parts. The three centre sections which contain the heaviest machinery, will be fitted with a bulkhead at each end, making one craft. The two ends will then be fitted to each other, making another craft. Ahead of each section two huge tugs will pull while behind two others will guide.

When the two portions arrive at the Suez Canal that waterway will be closed to all traffic for a whole week-end while the dock, with a margin of about three feet at either side, is navigated through.

When the dock arrives at Singapore and is put together it will require a depth of 70 feet of water and will be capable of holding easily ships of the size of the Mauretania which, when in the dock, would have 30 feet to spare at bow and stern.

The dock has a lifting capacity of 50,000 tons. It is 855 feet long, 172 feet wide and 75 feet deep. The pumping plant can deal with 30,000 tons of water an hour.—British Wireless.

WOMEN IN MALAYA.

A COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE REGULATIONS.

London, Apr. 28.
A Committee, headed by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, comprising Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton, Mrs. Neville Rolfe, Sir O. Warburg, Mrs. Barrie Lambert and the Rev. W. C. Roberts, assisted by representatives of the various Government departments, has been appointed to examine the regulations of the Straits Settlements and the Malay States governing the protection of women and girls.—Reuter.

EXPORT REVIVAL.

REMARKABLE EXPANSION AT HOME.

London, Apr. 28.
The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has revealed the remarkable expansion in the export of cotton, artificial silks and mixed piece goods. During the first three months of this year, exports totalled 25,000,000 square yards, double last year's figures. Nearly a quarter of the total trade has been in artificial silk, bought mostly by Canada, the Dutch Indies and Bombay.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE.

ESTIMATES DISCUSSED.

Geneva, Apr. 28.
The Budget estimates for 1929, providing for about 8½ million gold francs, or an increase of over half a million compared with 1928, provoked considerable debate. The increase, which is due to the proposed augmentation of the staff, by the creation of sixteen new posts, was opposed by the employers' group.

Sir Atul Chandra Chatterjee moved a reduction of 150,000 in the estimates under the heading of creation of new posts, declaring that the rapidly increasing expenditure of the various institutions of the League would only help to alienate people in distant countries like India.

His motion was strongly opposed by the workers' group and was eventually rejected by 15 votes to seven. The estimates were passed by 17 votes, the remaining members abstaining.—Reuter.

Formula Adopted.

Geneva, Apr. 28.
An animated discussion at the sitting of the Governing Body of the International Labour Office resulted in the adoption of a formula for the revision and modification of the Washington Hours Convention, providing that the Governing Body will decide whether the question is to be placed on a future agenda after the body has investigated the hours and wages in all countries, both where the Convention has been ratified and not ratified.—Reuter.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY GIVES FINAL APPROVAL.

London, Apr. 28.
A further important stage in the progress of the prayer book measure was passed yesterday when the Church Assembly gave its final approval to the measure in the form in which convocations had already agreed to it. This means that the measure will be submitted to Parliament at an early date. The Archbishop of Canterbury declared figures as follows: Bishops—32 for, 2 against; Clergy 183 for, 69 against; Laymen, 181 for, 92 against; total 396 for, 163 against. The measure was thus passed by an aggregate majority of 253 as compared with a majority of 334 given by the Assembly to a corresponding measure last July. The aggregate vote was 549 compared with 650 last July. This decrease of 101 votes was divided almost equally between the clergy and laity.

In the House of Laity 50 Anglicans abstained. The Bishops who found against the measure were those of Exeter and Norwich. The other four bishops, those of Worcester, Birmingham, Ipswich and Truro, who voted against it in convocation last month, were absent from the division, the first named being on a long arranged journey abroad.—British Wireless.

CHINA'S TREATIES.

THE SINO-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT.

Nanking, Apr. 28.
General Hwang Fu, who yesterday despatched a note to the Portuguese Minister on the subject of the Sino-Portuguese treaty of 1887, pointed out that inasmuch as the present conditions in both countries were entirely different from those of 40 years ago, the Nationalist Government believes the treaty which yesterday completed its 10-year term for the fourth time can no longer serve its purpose and should immediately be revised.

The Nationalist Government proposes that the Governments of China and Portugal should each appoint special representatives to conclude a new treaty on a basis of equality and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty with a view to meeting the present conditions. So would friendly relations between the two countries be strengthened and common interest promoted.—Reuter.

Peking, Apr. 28.

It is understood that the Walchiaopu is adopting the same attitude as Nanking regarding the Chinese-Portuguese treaty, but up to now no official statement has been published.—Reuter.

Later.
The Walchiaopu notified the Portuguese Legation to-day that the Chinese-Portuguese treaty had terminated.—Reuter.

JAPAN DIET SCENES.

NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION CREATES UPROAR.

Tokyo, Apr. 28.
After uproarious scenes the opposition presented a motion of non-confidence in the Home Minister, whereupon the Diet was prorogued for three days. The Government is hoping in the meantime to win over sufficient support to defeat the motion.

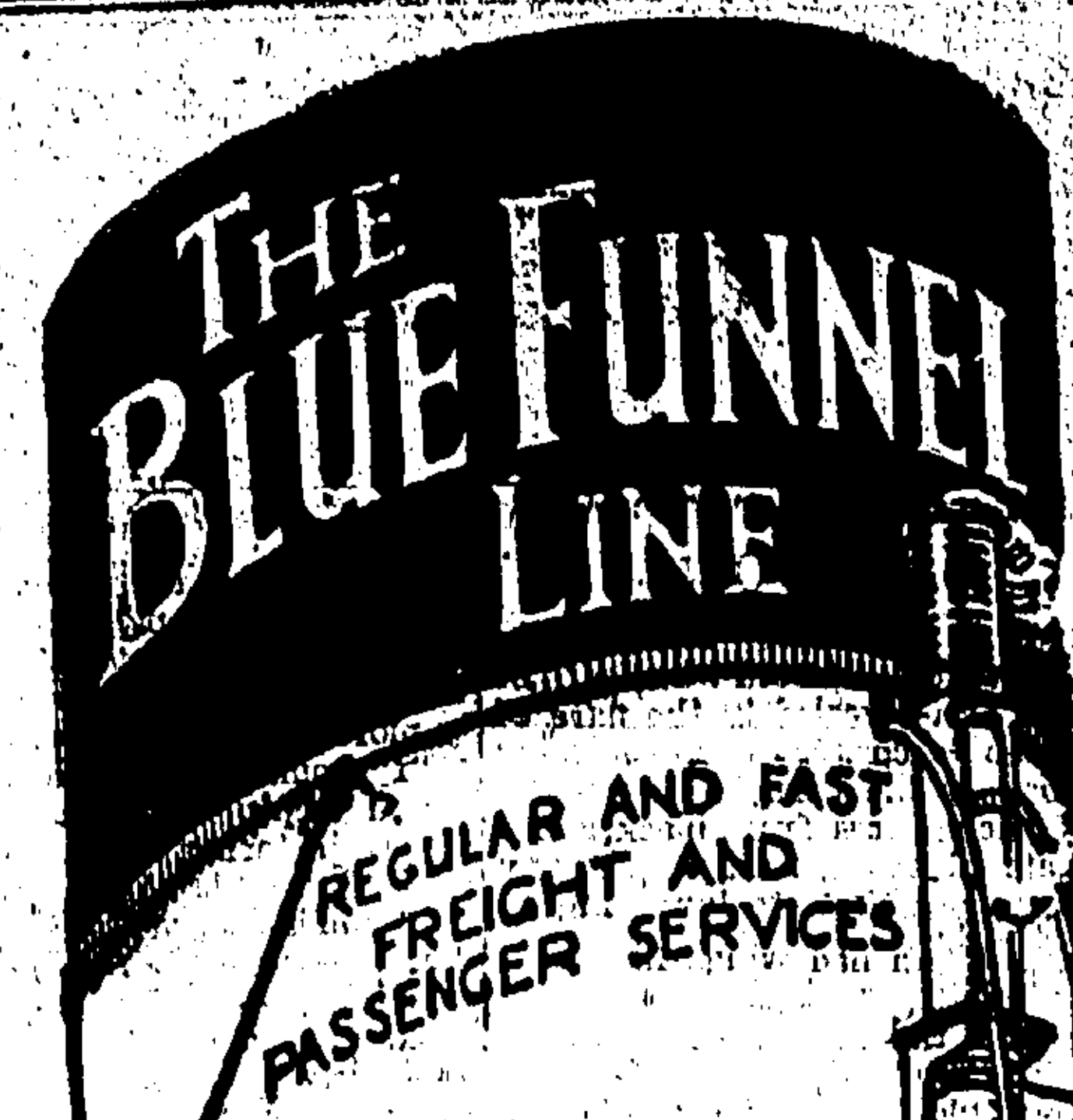
The presentation of the motion was preceded during the last few days by violent verbal conflicts and mutual recriminations, necessitating temporary adjournments for the purpose of restoring order. Large numbers of spectators from all walks of life came from distant parts of the country to watch the proceedings and many, after waiting from early morning, were turned away owing to lack of seating accommodation.

Two members of the Diet who were ill were carried to the Diet by friends so as to be present at the voting.—Reuter.

THE DYE TRUST.

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Berlin, Apr. 28.
A 20 per cent. increase in turnover is recorded in the annual report of the Dye Trust. Developments are most marked in dyes, benzene, artificial silks and the coal liquifying process. The report foresees an output of 700,000 tons of nitrate next year.—Reuter.



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The Dollar Steamship Line have just released their newly-revised schedule number ten showing sailings of the passenger steamers of their line up to June 1929.

From the new schedule it is noted that the sailing of their round-the-world steamers from Hongkong remains the same, that is they will arrive in Hongkong on each alternate Saturday and will sail for Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, and around the world on alternate Sundays at 8 a.m.

Effective with the a.s. President Grant and thereafter, all steamers from Seattle and Victoria will arrive on Friday and will sail for Manila on Saturday instead of arriving on Sunday and sailing for Manila on Monday as heretofore.

Therefore the a.s. President Grant will arrive in Hongkong on Friday, April 11, and sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on Saturday instead of on the dates as shown in the Dollar Line Schedule number nine which has just undergone revision. This change of schedule in the cases of steamers from Seattle does not, however, effect their return sailing date for San Francisco, that date remaining on Tuesday as heretofore.

Effective with the President Cleveland, voyage 17, and thereafter all steamers from San Francisco will arrive in Hongkong on Monday and sail for Manila on Tuesday at 6 p.m. as heretofore. However, there is a change in the return sailing date of these steamers to Seattle in that they will sail on their return trip on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as heretofore.

The Dollar Line advise that a supply of their new schedules are now on hand and ready for distribution. They may be had by making application at the local office of the Dollar Line, 4, Des Voeux Road, Central.

RESIDENTS' LEAVE.

JIG NUMBER BY "MOREA."

The P. and O. Morea which sailed for Hongkong on Saturday had a big passenger list. Many Hongkong residents left for leave or for good, these including Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Mr. M. J. Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ralphs, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. L. C. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Logan, Mr. E. W. Allred, Mr. H. J. Best, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr, Mr. H. F. Crook, Mr. L. E. Curwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Davies, L.L.C., Mr. N. D. D. L. W. P. O. Evans, Dr. R. M. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Hill, Mr. L. H. R. B. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Littleton, Lieut. C. E. Morris, Mr. J. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tarby, Mr. and Mrs. W. Weir, Miss C. Willmott, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Witchell, and Mr. M. N. Carlisle.

RUBBER DUTY.

CEYLON CONSIDERS QUESTION OF REDUCTION.

Colombo, Apr. 28. The Finance Committee of the Legislature has decided that further time is needed for the consideration of the question of the reduction of export duty on rubber.—*Reuter*.

THE NAVAL VISIT.

GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO THE CONSUL-GENERAL.

In connexion with the recent visit of the Japanese Fleet, the following letter has been sent by H.E. the Governor to H.E. the British Naval Consul-General.

"I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 2328 of 17th April, 1928, regarding the recent visit of the Japanese Fleet."

The visit gave great pleasure to the Colony and I am glad that Your Excellency was able to be in Hongkong when it took place.—I have, &c., (Sd.) C. CLEMENTI, Governor, &c.

The following letter was sent by the Hon. Colonial Secretary to the Consul-General for Japan: "I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st April, 1928, regarding the recent visit to the Colony of the First Squadron of the Imperial Japanese Navy."

His Excellency the Governor highly appreciates the sentiments to which you give expression and desires me to state that the visit has left most pleasant recollections to all in Hongkong and has, he feels sure, contributed in no small degree to the traditional friendship of the Japanese and British navies."

JAPANESE TROOPS.

FIVE THOUSAND ARRIVE IN SHANTUNG.

Peking, Apr. 28. All the Japanese troops for Shantung, numbering 5,000, have arrived. General Fukuda has issued a proclamation assuring the populace that the Japanese have come merely to protect the lives and property of their nationals and not to molest the inhabitants. He has also sent a message to the rival generals stating he has no intention of interfering with North or South if they use the railway properly, but warning them not to try and cut it, which would be harmful to Japanese residents.—*Reuter*.

Chinese Students Demonstrate.

Tokyo, Apr. 28. Twenty-five of 230 Chinese students of the Japanese Military Academy have been dismissed for creating disturbances in protesting against the despatch of troops to Shantung.—*Reuter*.

NANKING LOAN.

\$10,000,000 ISSUE ON STAMP TAX.

Nanking, Apr. 28. The Government council has decided to float a public loan of \$10,000,000, which will be secured on revenue from the stamp tax. The loan will carry eight per cent. interest, which will be paid half yearly while one-twentieth of the principal will be paid every six months from January 1, 1929.

The council also decided that in order to unify the monetary system the dollar be used as the unit, the system of accounting in taels being abolished.—*Reuter*.

Stockholm, Apr. 29.

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Hongkong, 24th April, 1928.

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Hongkong, 25th April, 1928.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

LLOYDS AGREE NOT TO UNDERWRITE.

London, Apr. 28. All underwriters at Lloyds have agreed at the request of the Foreign Office not to underwrite consignments of arms and munitions for China in future.—*Reuter*.

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DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	16th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,989	30th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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SANTHIA	7,754	23rd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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TILAWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TAKADA	8,948	7th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALAMBA	8,018	17th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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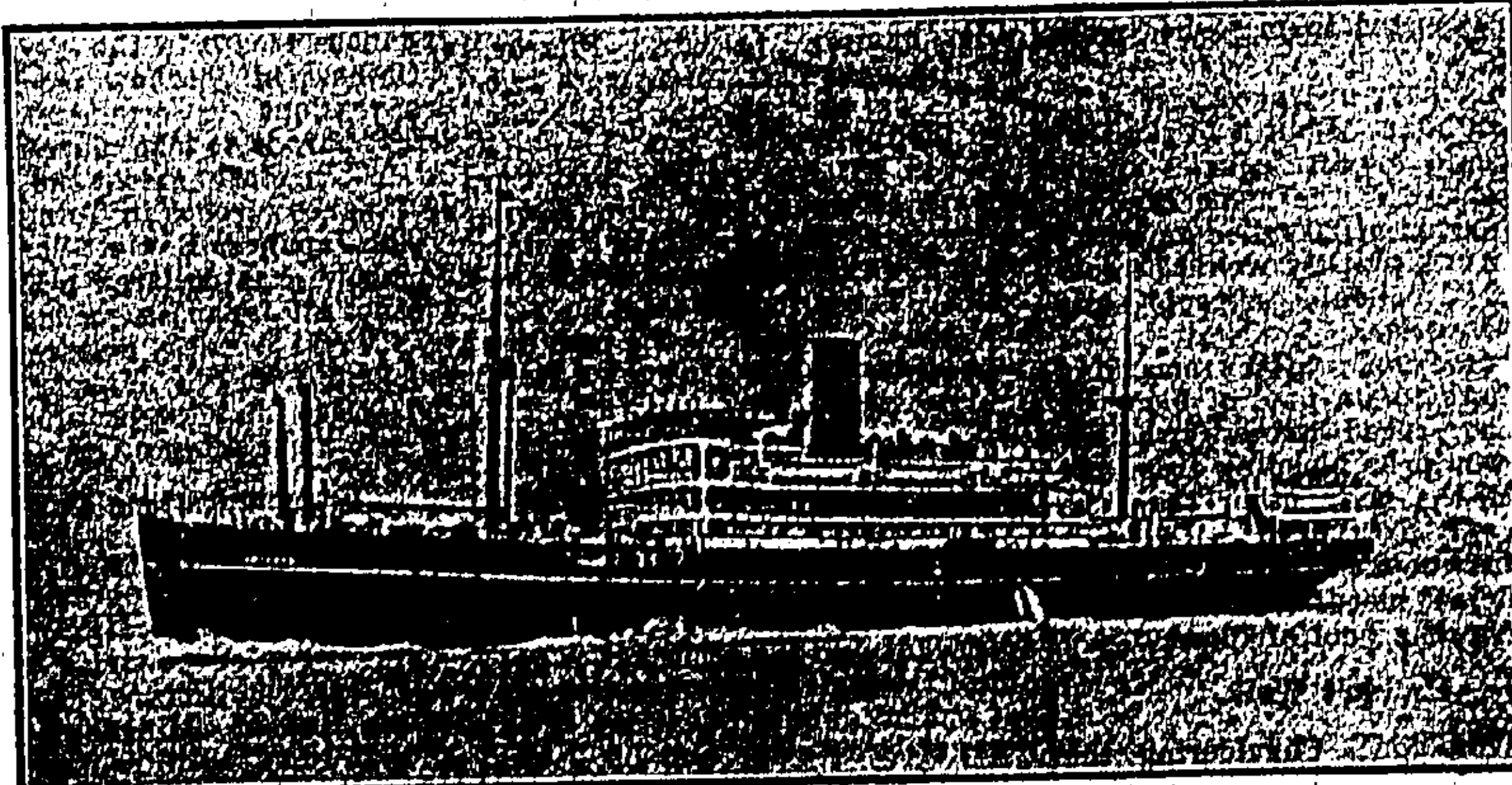
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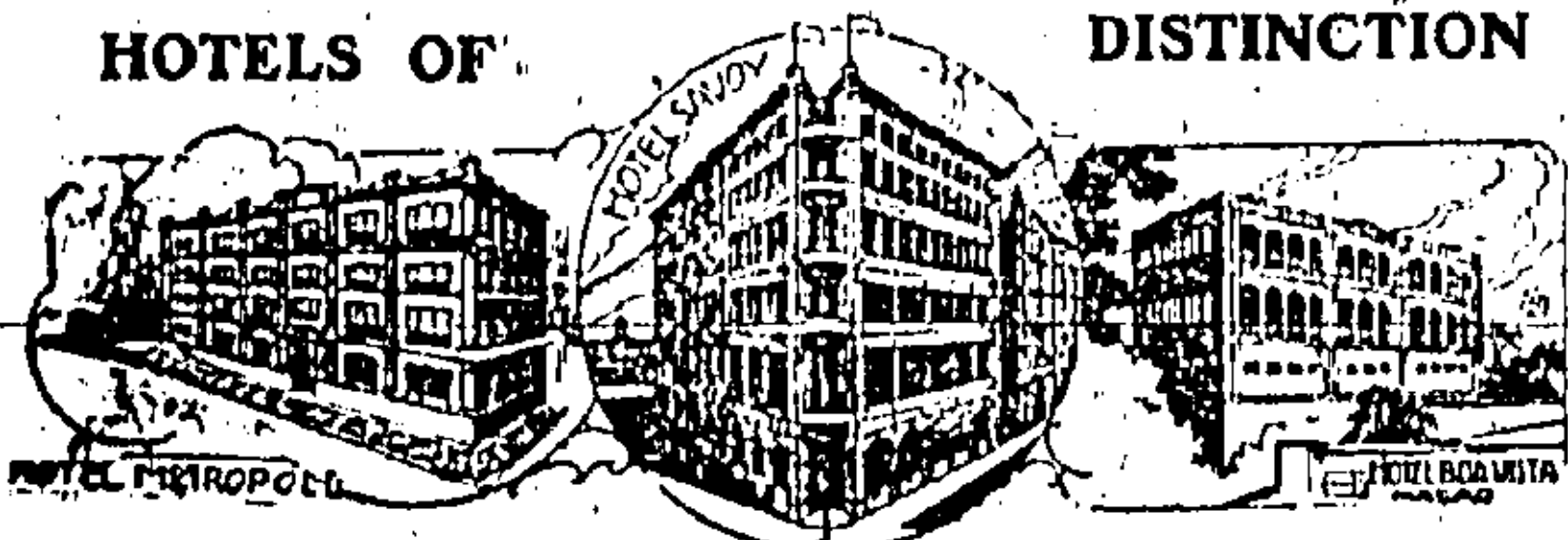
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TRIAL.MANSLAUGHTER CASE
BEGINS.IMPORTANT EVIDENCE BY
DR. J. R. CRAIG.

PROBABLE CAUSES.

The hearing of the man-
slaughter charge against Chief
Petty Officer W. G. Kelsey, of
H.M.S. Ambrose, was commenced
at the Criminal Sessions this
morning before the Chief Justice,
Sir Henry Gollan. He is accused
of causing the death of a Chinese
named Tam Tak-yuen by driving a
public motor car in a dangerous
manner.Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is pro-
secuting for the Crown and Mr.
H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr.
G. S. Hugh Jones, of Messrs.
Wilkinson and Grist, is defending.
The following jury was em-
panelled:—Messrs. H. Goldenberg
(foreman), A. A. Alves, J.
McKellvie, J. E. Noronha, L. A.
da Costa, D. S. Neilson, and E.
Antonio.

Was Deceased Hit?

Mr. Fitzroy said before out-
lining the circumstances of the
case he proposed to deal with the
point that no matter whether Tam
Tak-yuen was actually hit by the
car, or whether he jumped out of
the way and sustained his injuries,
the prisoner would be equally
guilty. The point, he added, was
well established in law.His Lordship expressed a pre-
ference to hear the facts first.
Mr. Fitzroy, in opening, said that
the prisoner and a stoker went to
West Point in a public motor car
in the early hours of March 25.
When returning, prisoner took the
wheel by force from the licensed
driver, and according to the Crown
evidence, drove in such a dan-
gerous manner that the car either
struck, or just missed Tam Tak-
yuen, with the result that he died.

Car Over Seawall.

The car then fell over the Praya
wall and landed on a junk.
Counsel said that when Tam
came in view, some distance ahead,
the licensed driver who was sitting
beside the prisoner applied the
handbrake forcibly with the result
that the car skidded, in practical-
ly a straight line, for a distance of
78 feet before going over the edge
of the Praya. This indicated, he
said, that it was being driven at
a very high speed.Dr. J. R. Craig, Medical Officer
in charge of the Government Civil
Hospital, said that Tam Tak-yuen
was admitted to the hospital suf-
fering from fracture of the skull,
compression, and abrasions.
In reply to Mr. Fitzroy, witness
said the injuries could have been
caused by being knocked down by
a motor car. It was also possible
that the man might have fallen.

Slight Injuries.

Replying to Mr. Sheldon, witness
agreed that the external injuries
were really of a slight nature.
They were not the kind of in-
juries you would have expected
to find if he had been hit straight
by a motor car travelling at a
high speed?—No.I put it to you that the injuries
were not consistent with the man
being hit by the mudguard of a
7-seater Studebaker travelling at
40 miles an hour and, in falling,
being struck on the head by the
bumper?—No, I don't think they
were consistent with that.Or the same car travelling at 30
miles an hour?—Well, I think
there is little difference be-
tween 30 and 40 miles an hour.
I put it to you that quite obvi-
ously the injuries were not con-
sistent with that speed?—I should
have expected them to be more
severe.An ordinary average speed is 20
miles an hour. I put it to you that
you would expect injuries to be
more severe if the same car was
being driven at 20 miles an hour?
—I don't think they would be con-
sistent. I should expect more
severe injuries.Mr. Sheldon, after remarking
that there was a pool of blood on
the road, asked witness whether
there would be bleeding from any
part of the body other than the
head.Witness replied that there would
be sufficient bleeding to form what
was termed a pool of blood.

Couldn't Walk.

Mr. Sheldon?—Considering the
injuries found at the post mortem
examination, was the man likely to
have moved himself again after
being knocked down?—It is pos-
sible.Were his injuries such that he
could have got up and walked
along?—I don't think he could
have done that with a fracture of
the skull.In reply to other questions, wit-
ness said the man's injuries wereFISHING FOR COAL AND
CRABS.JUNK PEOPLE FINED AT
MARINE COURT.At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Commr. J. B. Newell,
D.S.O., R.N., the mistresses of four
fishing junks were charged with
using drags and grapplings for
lifting objects from the harbour
bed without having obtained the
written permission of the Har-
bour master. The first and third
defendants pleaded guilty and the
second and fourth, not guilty.A police officer stated that on
Sunday afternoon, he was on duty
in No. 8 Police Launch and ob-
served four fishing junks dragging
in the vicinity of a Japanese
collier, berthed at Holt's Wharf.
On his approach, the junk moved
off. He returned to the scene
later and found the same junks,
and they again attempted to escape
towards Hungnam Bay. On the
approach of the police launch, the
contents of the junks, consisting
mainly of coal, were dumped over
the side between the wharf and
the collier.His Worship, questioning the
defendants, who had pleaded not
guilty, asked if they were really
fishing and whether they hoped to
lift coal. The reply was that they
hoped to bring up coal, fish,
shrimps and crabs.The defendants were found
guilty and a fine of \$5, with the
usual alternative, was inflicted in
each case.such that he might not have be-
come unconscious immediately but
a state of unconsciousness would
have followed shortly afterwards.Mr. Sheldon: The injuries were
consistent with the man having
fallen or having been knocked
down and fallen on his right side?
—Yes.And not consistent with his
having received those injuries
through falling on his left side?
—Yes.Replying to his Lordship, wit-
ness stated that if the mudguard
had struck Tam Tak-yuen it must
have been very lightly, having re-
gard to the wound on his back being
so slight.

Not Probable.

His Lordship:—On the whole you
think it is more consistent with the
man having received his injuries by
falling from some cause or another
without having been struck by a
car at all?—No.Do you think the injuries con-
sistent with his having fallen as he
was walking slowly along or with
his having made some movement to
avoid anything?—I don't think the
injuries were consistent with walk-
ing slowly. I think he made some
effort.That is having tried to jump out
of the way?—Yes.Sergt. Cargill spoke of getting a
car for the prisoner and his friend
on the night in question, after
which Wong Hoi-tung, 2, Kee
Chung Street, gave evidence with
regard to the visit to his house on
the night in question.Witness said he knew the pris-
oner, who came, with another
European, to 2, Kee Chung Street
between one and two o'clock in the
morning. They were not intoxica-
ted, he said, and during their stay
of about an hour the three of them
drank one bottle of beer between
them.

Both Sober.

Replying to Mr. Sheldon, witness
said he believed them to be quite
sober. They were still sober when
they left the house.The chauffeur of public car No.
313, in evidence, spoke of the de-
fendant's visit to the house in
Kennedy Town, and of his return
at 3.30 a.m. to pick him up again.
Defendant took the wheel despite
the witness' protest and drove the
car along Connaught Road to the
city, at a great speed.Speaking of the accident, the
witness said that on sighting the
man near the Ro Tak Wharf, de-
fendant made no attempt to slow
down, on the contrary, he appeared
to put on the accelerator.In answer to Mr. Fitzroy,
witness said that there were two
brakes on the car, the handbrake
and the footbrake.When witness realised that the
defendant would not slow down,
he applied the handbrake which
was on his right side as hard as he
could. The witness said he felt
that the car would hit the man be-
fore he decided to take such a step.

Struck Deceased.

The defendant did not alter the
direction of the car prior to the
accident but averted round sharp-
ly after striking the deceased and
ran into the Harbour.Witness did not know how the
defendant and the other sailor got
out of the water, but when witness
got out he noticed that the two
were walking away and he heard
them singing.Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon,
witness said that he could under-
stand the word "license" in
English if he heard it, but added
that he did not know many other
English words.In answer to another question,
witness said he judged the speed of
the car by the rate which he
passed houses and shops.
The trial is proceeding.CUSTOMS FUNDS
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REVENUES.SAYS PEKING REMISSIONS ARE
ILLEGAL.

NEGOTIATIONS AFOOT.

The Canton authorities are op-
posing the present practice of cus-
toms funds collected in Nationalist
territory being sent to Peking.According to the Canton Gazette,
the matter has been referred to a
Commission of the Provincial Gov-
ernment, to which a proposal has
been made that the Customs Com-
missioners at Canton, Kongmoon
and Samshui be instructed to sur-
render the funds to the Canton
Treasury. The proposal is set
forth as follows:

Three Headings.

"It is discovered from the cus-
toms lists sent to the Superinten-
dent of Canton Customs by the
Commissioners of the Canton,
Kongmoon and Samshui Customs
stations that funds to be sent to
the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
in Peking, are comprised under
three heads: 30% of fines, one
third of merchants' vessels licence
fees, and 30% of tonnage dues."The first and second items are
accounted quarterly, while the third
is accounted monthly. All these
funds are remitted to the Inspector
General of Customs for transmis-
sion to the Peking Government.

Peking "No Right."

"All these funds are collected in
territory under the control of the
Nationalist Government, and conse-
quently should be surrendered to
the Nationalist Treasury. Peking
has no right whatever to these sur-
plus funds since the territory from
which the funds are derived is
outside their control."I therefore suggest that since
such are the circumstances instruc-
tions should be given to the Com-
missioners of the three mentioned
Customs stations that their funds
are to be surrendered to the Can-
ton Treasury, acting on behalf of
the Nationalist Government, and
that it is illegal to remit these
funds to Peking."It is understood that this matter
has been referred to the Bureau of
Foreign Affairs for negotiation
with the proper authorities.HEAVY FIGHTING IN
NORTH.

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time on Monday to meet the dele-
gate of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang
there. The mission of the latter is
to urge the two Generals to
mobilize all the available Hunan
Hupai troops at the earliest
moment so as to be ready to move
up to the Peking-Hankow line and
re-inforce the Northern Expedition.
The latest reports from Peking
indicate that the uneasiness in
the city continues. Rumour is
rife that the Peking Dictator,
Chang Tso-lin, has made all pre-
parations to leave the capital for
Manchuria.

Anti-Japanese Protests.

The Chinese General Chamber
of Commerce in Hankow has wired
to the Nanking Government pro-
testing against the Japanese des-
patching troops to Tsingtao and
along the Tsinanfu-Tsingtao line,
adding that such action is directly
opposed to the will of the people
of China.The Chinese Merchants and
Students Association in Tsingtao
has also wired to Nanking de-
claring that the Chinese in Tsing-
tao strongly resent the arrival of
Japanese troops in the city.Chinese in Foochow are making
preparations to organize a big
street parade to take place on May
9th as a protest against the arrival
of Japanese troops in Tsingtao.The Japanese Boycott Society in
Foochow has declared a boycott
against all Japanese goods.A Naval wireless message from
the Rear-Admiral, Yangtze, to-
day states that troops are begin-
ning to move down river.

Communications Cut.

Tokyo, Apr. 29.
According to reports from
Tsingtao communications have
been disrupted owing to the
Southerners cutting the Tsingtao-
Tsinan line at Mingshui, forty
miles to the east of Tsinan. Con-
sequently a company of Japanese
infantry, also a detachment of the
telegraph corps left for Mingshui
from Tsingtao.—Reuter.Nanking, Apr. 28.
The Kyo Min reports from
Pukow that over 20 locomotives
and 200 cars belonging to the
Chihli and Shantung forces were
captured by the Nationalists be-
tween Lincheng and Yenchow.
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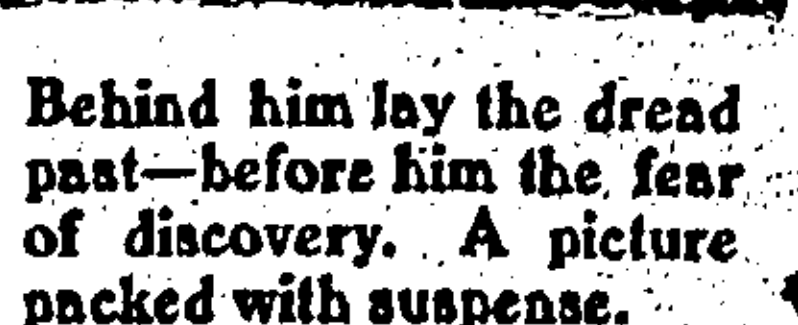
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